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## Tinian Dynasty to close this month

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Two weeks after Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino shuttered its casino doors, its owner, Hong Kong Entertainment, is now announcing that the full closure of both the casino and hotel is imminent.

HKE chair Wai Chan Chan informed Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas that the full closure might happen before the end of this month.

"It is with great regret that we must inform you that complete closure of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is imminent. Insufficient guest arrival and negative cash flow has made it impossible to keep the property operational.

All of our remaining operational resources will soon be exhausted," Chan stated in a letter to San Nicolas dated Sept. 1.

Chan said that HKE had not anticipated the losses suffered as a result of Typhoon Soudelor.

"We do not have necessary capital

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# Local

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Senate lawmakers maintained yesterday that it is within their legislative authority to reallocate funds outside of government revenues made subject for appropriations by the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos, explaining their position to counterparts in the House of Representatives yesterday.

The House, though, believes this reallocation of earmarks would conflict with the NMI Constitution.

The six members of a bicameral committee assigned to settle the impasse over the Senate and House's versions of the fiscal year 2016 budget met for the first time yesterday afternoon.

The majority of these six votes must agree on a \$154-million

## Senators explain position on FY 2016 budget

lion budget before the end of the month to avoid a government shutdown.

The main point of contention appears to be the House and Senate's interpretation of the law would allow or disallow the Legislature to use money not set as "subject to appropriations."

The House, through conference chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and the House legal counsel, explained their position. While the Senate, through conference chair Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and their legal counsel, explained they are asking the Marianas Visitors Authority—by the way of the appropriation bill—to assist other entities that need such items enumerated in the law.

The House believes that reallocation of funds from constitutional earmarks is an amendment that must be done outside the appropriations bill. In other words, a public law should be passed to allow the Senate to direct MVA to move these funds.

The Senate believes, though, that because they created the "hotel tax" fund by law, they can undo that through a "notwithstanding clause" in the budget bill, and ask MVA to assist other agencies in the community.

To this, the House acknowledges that the Legislature has authority to appropriate funds, as well as the authority to ear-

mark and establish taxes—but, when the Legislature appropriates and amends an earmark at the same time and in the same bill, they violate the Constitution, which prohibits doing both at once.

In an interview after the budget session, Hofschneider maintained the Senate's position.

He explained that the "notwithstanding clause" is engaged when they are trying to "dismiss some of the provisions of that particular object in preparation for the law to do an action."

He called this "well within our realms of our authority as legislators" to "address some of the concerns and some of the needs of the community."

"I respect the opinions of the

### » Senate wants to direct MVA to give up \$2.5M to other agencies

[House] legal counsel, but we are in the legislative branch. We are not in Judicial or Executive Branch, so we are being legislators, trying...to be creative within our responsibility to provide the services and the needs of the community that we feel appropriate for the year 2016," Hofschneider said.

### MVA funds

In Section 712 of the Senate budget, senators invoke a "notwithstanding clause" to direct MVA to assist the local hospital and Divisions of Customs. These changes are as stated in the following provisions:

- (iii) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the amount of \$2 million from earmarked funds...shall be appropriated for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for utilities. The CEO of CHCC shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds and shall not reprogram the funds for any other purpose.

## American Memorial Park to end water distribution

Due to the stabilization of Saipan's infrastructure, the American Memorial Park portable water distribution point will be discontinuing service. The water distribution point at American Memorial Park will stop operations at the Micro Beach Pavilion on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015.

The water distribution point

will be open this Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, from 7am to noon. This water distribution point is for families only. Water will not be distributed to businesses or commercial facilities. The water being distributed is potable (drinking) water for human consumption.

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# Identities of law enforcers involved in sex-for-cash case sought

A woman facing a charge in federal court for enticing her then-15-year-old cousin to engage in sex for cash has asked the federal court to issue an order requiring the U.S. government to disclose evidence in personnel and internal affairs files of witnesses who are former or current law enforcers.

Alexandra Castro Macabalo, through counsel Bruce Berline, said her request includes all material revealing acts of dishonesty, criminal conduct (charged or uncharged), violations of agency rules or guidelines, misconduct, official malfeasance, or pattern of misconduct, bearing upon the current or former employees' character for truthfulness and honesty.

Berline said this case is related to several prior and pending criminal cases before the court, including Annette Basa, Richard Benavente, Raymond B. Roberto, and Randy Igisomar.

Berline said numerous law enforcement agencies were involved in the investigation of this case and the related cases.

Berline said the personnel

## Shelters down to two after Arts Council closes

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The number of shelters on Saipan is down to two after the Arts Council on Capital Hill closed, leaving the Office on Aging in Chinatown and the Kagman Community Center to house the remaining 162 individuals that are still in shelters a month after Typhoon Soudelor battered the island.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services' Vivian Sablan said the Aging Center has a total of 101 shelterees, with the added head count from the Arts Council.

Some evacuees were also transferred to KCC, the head count of which was at 61 as of 5pm yesterday.

Just a couple of days ago, the head count at the two shelters was at 181.

According to DCCA, several families have already moved back to their homes with the tents and other care packages they received from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Michael Kern, voluntary agency liaison for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 9 Pacific Area Office, said that Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff recently visited the evacuees and distributed tents.

FEMA and the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter have also interviewed evacuees on their needs and other assistance they require.

As for food, Kinpachi Restaurant prepared a total of 100

files and internal affairs files are expected to "contain evidence, or lead to evidence, of dishonesty, failure to follow protocol, and other official malfeasance that would be relevant to the determination of credibility by the jury."

"The credibility of former and current law enforcement employees/government witnesses will be a key critical issue upon which the defense counsel must have an opportunity to challenge through cross-examination and further developed through substantive evidence as appropriate," he said.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested Macabalo last April after a complaint was filed in court, charging her with enticement of a minor to engage in prostitution and other sexual activity. An indictment was later filed, charging her with one count of enticement of a minor. Macabalo was released on her own recognizance with some conditions.

FBI special agent Haejun Park stated in his affidavit that on July 23, 2013, and

Aug. 8, 2013, FBI agents interviewed a then-15-year-old girl who told them, among other things, that Roberto, a former acting director of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, paid her to have sex on a number of occasions, beginning in March 2013.

The special agent said that, on May 20, 2014, Macabalo was called before a grand jury, during which she admitted that she sent text messages to Roberto from (670) 989-3474 in April 2013.

The exchange of text messages between the two numbers appeared that Roberto and Macabalo were discussing how he can get her cousin. Roberto also allegedly promised that Macabalo would get a commission if "all goes well."

Park said that, on Aug. 22, 2014, the girl was called as a witness in Roberto's trial and testified about the text messages.

The exchange of text messages appeared that Macabalo was arranging to pick up her cousin and was asking to make sure that the minor girl wanted "to do it."

In September 2014, a federal court jury unanimously acquitted Roberto of all charges that he enticed three minor girls to engage in prostitution and tampered with a witness

while he was in jail.

The 12 jurors found the 41-year-old Roberto not guilty of three counts of enticing minors to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering.

In the third superseding indictment, the prosecution alleged that Roberto persuaded three girls to engage in prostitution or in sexual activity from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Prenell Robert B. Bansil began working at Mariana Resort & Spa in October 2011 and has served as supervisor of the Transportation Dept. since August 2014. His duties include transporting guests to and from the hotel, assisting guests with check-in or check-out, and directing customers to their rooms.

“When I began working for the Mariana Resort and Spa, I started as a kitchen helper, and then I worked with the purchasing department and at the front desk. But I like the transportation department best, because I get to meet a lot of new people. We make friends with the guests, sometimes learn a little of their language, and trade emails. They even at times call us which makes us feel good because it shows us that they enjoyed their stay at Mariana Resort and Spa.”

“I like working at a Mariana Resort and Spa. Some of our summer trainees ask me what it's like working here at Mariana Resort. I tell them, ‘It's good!’ For people that want to work here, I believe they would like it.

“I was just recently promoted to supervisor. The challenging part of my job is dealing with the customers. We must always watch out for the customer and take care of them, because without them, we're nothing here at the hotel. We should all help bring tourists - Japanese, Koreans, Chinese, Russians and from around the world - to the CNMI, for a better economy. And, one way to do that is to make sure we give our guests the best services so that they become loyal guests, coming back every year and inviting others as well.”

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## IT&E's Delgado looks to continued investment in CNMI

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IT&E owner Ricky Delgado visited Saipan last Wednesday and spoke to *Saipan Tribune* about the trials the telecommunications firm faced with fiber optic cable cut and the devastation brought by Typhoon Soudelor.

Delgado, who visited to address and rally IT&E staff and

employees, looked to the future and their continued investment on Saipan, ahead of his company's 10th year since they took over the company. The Delgado family of the Philippines acquired the company in Sept. 20, 2005.

"I know a lot of people have been hurt by the storm, and I just to reassure these guys about the company's commitment," Delgado said of his visit.

pal programs and activities that are funded by casino revenues.

San Nicolas expressed concern due to the fact that the government cannot be the only source of employment for the Tinian community.

"We simply can't afford it. That is why we as leaders need to seek ways to promote and support private sector employment," he said.

His concern is the "collateral damage" that would result from TDHC's shutdown—the hundreds of people that would be left unemployed.

"This means less people eating out at restaurants and buying at the grocery stores. This undoubtedly will have a devastating impact on our fragile local economy," he said.

San Nicolas said he has already met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos to apprise him of the situation.

"The governor is just as equally concerned. He and I are exploring the possibility of tapping into grant money from the [U.S.] Department of Labor that was awarded to assist with displaced workers," San Nicolas said.

According to Inos, Tinian Dynasty's closure will have a ripple effect not only on the Tinian economy but the CNMI's economy as well.

"The planned closure of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino before the end of this month will surely cause a ripple effect on the Tinian economy and the CNMI economy as a whole," Inos said.

"I understand that about \$3

footage, the manager pointed to the same shoplifter, who asked about the price of a cigarette then surreptitiously stole a Bluetooth speaker.

The manager said they would usually call the police if they really have hard evidence such as footage.

In two instances where they called the police, she said they learned that the cases are still with the Office of the Attorney General but not prosecuted yet.

The manager said if police want to arrest these thieves, they are more than happy to share the footages of their surveillance cameras.

She said most of the items stolen are products for cars, canned goods, milk, betel nut, and gadgets.

Since they are aware that police are currently busy with the typhoon rehabilitation opera-

The telecommunications company was rocked these last two months when damage attributed to harsh weather caused a "cut" in IT&E's fiber cable between Tinian and Saipan. This drew the frustration of many from a customer level to legislators and administration officials.

Delgado told *Saipan Tribune* that they regret what happened but pointed to the power crisis

million is paid annually to the Tinian Municipal government and the TCGCC for various fees aside from what the establishment pays its employees and for other direct services. I am concerned because this closure and the loss of the fees will have a direct impact on retail purchases, employment income, and the purchases of local services, among others," he said.

"I will be in talks with San Nicolas, members of the TCGCC, and the Tinian delegation to see how, in the short term, we can avail of the U.S. DOL grant funds for the establishment's dislocated and displaced workers. Further talks will be in place for the long term to mitigate the expected ripple effects on our economy," he said.

TCGCC executive director Lucia Blanco-Maratita laments that instead of informing TCGCC first, HKE decided to go directly to the Tinian mayor about their plans to close the Tinian Dynasty entirely.

"Chan sent a letter on Sept. 1 to San Nicolas that he is planning on closing the Dynasty hotel because of losses suffered by Typhoon Soudelor. He has not even provided official notification of the closure of the entire property to the Gaming Commission," Maratita said.

"We are currently verifying

tions, most of the time they just confront the thieves just to get back the items.

The manager said this shoplifting problem should be exposed to the public so the government will be aware of it and that the court should send a strong message by sending them to jail.

She said one man stole in separate incidents a total of eight cans of milk by hiding the items in his pants, prompting them to move the product near the cashier's area. One shoplifter hid 10 cans of corned beef in his pants.

Another manager of a store in Dandan made the same observation—that there seems to be a rash of shoplifting incidents after Typhoon Soudelor. She said they don't call the police anymore because nothing happens. The police will talk to the shoplifters, then let them go, the

left by Typhoon Soudelor as an example of an event "beyond the control of human beings."

"Obviously it affected everybody, we know that, and we are obviously sorry. We repaired the cable and we had the ship here in two weeks, and at a huge cost," he said, adding that the company is looking to invest in strengthening their microwave backup system.

When asked point blank why this microwave backup was down before the cut, Del-

gado pointed to a typhoon two weeks before that got the system "dis-aligned."

Delgado, when asked, said he welcomed this venture.

"In the end, every telecomm company has capital expenditure decisions to make," he said. "If they believe that's an investment they want to make then there's nothing I can do, or will do to stop them."

Delgado believes Typhoon Soudelor unified the company.

"It's a horrible time for every-

body concerned...but it unified them like never before."

"I am happy to be back on Saipan with our staff. The company is going to keep investing here as it has done in the last 10 years. We are looking forward to launching LTE. Just like we were the first to launch 3G here, the first to launch 4G here, we'll be the first to launch LTE here."

"I am pretty confident in the future of the company and I am very excited that despite the setback I feel like Saipan has many better days ahead. I am glad that we are part of the business community here, in supporting the government's efforts to make Saipan what it can [be]—a great place. I've always believe in this island and still do."

ily damaged mainly due to the failure of primarily old, weakened power poles.

"Newly emplaced or well-guyed power poles suffered little damage," Guard said.

Aside from determining the strength of winds, the team also analyzed available weather satellite data, Doppler radar data, and data from a small number of observational instruments.

Guard and Lander, who went to Saipan on Aug. 10 to conduct a scientific assessment of Soudelor's characteristics, will also be studying other aspects of the cyclone and will be publishing their findings in a more comprehensive technical report in a few months.

"The compact size of Soudelor is something we will be studying in much more detail," Guard said.

Soudelor was said to be a very small system, with a 5-mile diameter eye, and with typhoon force winds extending no more than 10 miles from the center and tropical storm force wind extending no more than 20 miles from the center.

While some residents reported experiencing tornado-like conditions, NWS said there were none.

"There was no evidence of tornadoes on the island, and all heavier damage could be related to topography or wind passing around obstacles such as large concrete buildings," Lander said.

**Pockets of Category 4**

NWS said, however, that due to the rugged terrain and other island characteristics, there was significant modification of the "over-water winds."

"Due to the rugged terrain, there were isolated pockets of Typhoon Category 4 winds, perhaps as high as 150 mph with gusts to 180 mph, especially where the winds rammed directly into cliffs or were funneled through narrow valleys," said Chip Guard, warning coordination meteorologist of the NWS Forecast Office Guam.

They observed that concrete buildings did fine, but wood and tin buildings made of light or weakened materials were heavily damaged or destroyed.

They also noted that the power distribution system was heav-

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resources of business revenue to sustain the hotel. We are currently operating at a significant loss and we cannot afford to do so any longer," Chan said. "Our operating funds will be exhausted in a matter of weeks. We now anticipate that the hotel will be closed before end of September."

Tinian Dynasty has more than 600 employees, according to San Nicolas.

The onslaught of Soudelor stopped nighttime flights to and from Saipan, ultimately resulting in the cancellation of tour packages to Tinian. That forced Tinian Dynasty to temporarily close its casino operations on Aug. 14, laying off 135 employees. Its hotel operations remained open, though.

## Government impact

It is not only the Tinian Dynasty's employees that will be hurt with its closure; the Tinian municipality will be impacted as well. It was earlier reported that Tinian Dynasty's casino revenues provide funding for 43 positions within the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Office of the Tinian Municipal Council.

Last Aug. 25, San Nicolas issued a notice to Tinian municipal employees on the likelihood of their contract not being renewed as a result of the casino's closure. It also suspended the operation of numerous municipi-

## SHOPLIFTING

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periencing shoplifting incidents before the typhoon but there have been even more incidents after Soudelor, with new thieves surfacing.

The manager said a few minors have been involved, but most are adults who operate individually. She disclosed that there is even one shoplifter who let his small child watch him steal cans of milk from the shelf.

She said the store has been monitoring a certain shoplifter, who is so good that they could not catch him red-handed. She said they would only learn that items have been stolen after reviewing the surveillance camera's footage and playing it in slow motion.

Showing *Saipan Tribune* the

manager said.

"If we catch a shoplifter, we just get back the items and tell them not to come back anymore," the manager said.

She said minors involved would only steal small items such as candies and toys, but adults would get drinks, wine, shampoo, canned goods, and other items.

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"The team found a deep gully at upper Tank Beach, evidence of a very heavy rainfall event. Mr. Guard and Dr. Lander are still assessing the rainfall amounts and distributions for Saipan," their report said.

According to their statement, the level of damage, the perceived storm intensity, and the lack of determinant maximum wind measurements led the NWS Pacific Region Headquarters at Pearl Harbor Hawaii to approve a scientific wind assessment on Saipan.

They said these assessments are sometimes conducted when there is some question as to the actual intensity of a destructive typhoon.

# Judge OKs cost savings accord for pipeline project

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter has approved the request of the U.S. government and the

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to modify his earlier order pertaining to the \$4.6 million construction of the stalled CUC pipeline project.

Carter approved the joint U.S. government's and CUC's

stipulation upon reviewing it and in "anticipation of efficient construction and cost savings relating to the construction of the CUC pipeline."

Carter said his order solely relates to the Engineering and

Environmental Management Company's construction of the pipeline.

Last February, Carter approved a request by Gilbane Federal for a task order with a total funding ceiling of \$4.6

million to build the pipeline.

Carter selected Gilbane Federal, a California-based full service construction company, to expeditiously complete some CUC projects.

In order to facilitate cost-effective and efficient planning of the construction of the pipeline, the U.S. Department of Justice and CUC filed last week in federal court a joint stipulation, in which they agreed to, among other things, construct the approved design that consists of plans and specifications.

The parties agreed that EEMC takes responsibility for the personnel and subcontractors that they select to construct, test, tie-in and commission the pipeline in accordance with the approved design.

According to Gilbane Federal's task order summary sheet, the completion date of the project is July 1, 2016.

Last Feb. 5, the U.S. Department of the Interior approved an additional funding of \$2.6 million to complete the pipeline project.

With the additional funds, DOI's total funding for the project now balloons to \$8.1 million since the project was initiated in 2010.

The project is an 8-inch aboveground receiving pipeline that delivers diesel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base. EPA had stated that until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, it poses a threat to the adjacent ocean.

## Legality of warrantless search of car questioned

The Office of the Public Defender has questioned the legality of a warrantless search of a car being driven by Ignacio Deleon Guerrero Demapan Jr., who was arrested in May for possession of methamphetamine or "ice" in Chalan Kanoa. Assistant public defender Michael A. Sato, counsel for Demapan, asked the Superior Court to suppress all evidence obtained from the search of Demapan's person and vehicle without a warrant or other legal justification.

Sato asserted that the search violated Demapan's constitutional right to be free from unlawful searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I of the CNMI Constitution.

The CNMI government has until Sept. 21 to oppose the motion. The court will hear the motion on Oct. 22 at 1:30pm.

Police officer David Hosono stopped Demapan in Chalan Kanoa on May 19, 2015.

According to Sato, Hosono was performing a routine periodic check, and did not see anything that would rise to reasonable suspicion of criminal wrongdoing.

The defense lawyer said Hosono stopped Demapan's car, detained him, and searched him without a warrant.

Sato said that, according to

police, a ziploc bag containing a crystalline substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine was seized from Demapan's vehicle.

Sato said when a search is conducted without a warrant, the burden is on the government to prove that a search falls into one of the specific exceptions.

Police detective Rudolfo Saures Hermosilla Jr. stated in his report that while Hosono was doing a routine periodic check on poker arcades on Saipan, he saw a white tinted Toyota Prius with license plate ACV 853 parked on the road near Viva Poker along Petro Yobbo Avenue in Chalan Kanoa in the afternoon of May 19.

Hosono noticed that the car suddenly drove away and turned right into a residence without using signalling.

Hosono asked a young male, who was standing in front of his house, if he knows who owns the white car that had just parked at his residence. The boy replied he does not know the car and allowed the officer to check the car.

Hosono got down from the vehicle and approached the driver side window and knocked on it. The driver, later identified as Demapan, rolled down the window.

While talking with Demapan, Hosono allegedly saw a

small ziplock bag containing white crystalline substance inside the open compartment above the passenger seat.

Demapan told the officer that he was not carrying his driver's license or identification card and that he was at that residence to check his friend.

Hosono also allegedly saw another ziplock bag containing a white crystalline sub-

stance hidden behind a pack of cigarettes placed in the open compartment area and another ziplock bag with crystalline substance placed in a soda can in the center console.

The officer later released the car to Demapan's parents. His mother works at the Office of the Attorney General. (Ferdie de la Torre)

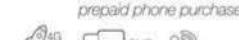
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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**  
**JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (ATCT) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-16**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Janitorial Services of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work entails providing janitorial services for a period of two (2) years for the Tower, the Base Building and its surroundings. The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 04, 2015. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Janitorial Services of the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Saipan International Airport". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 PM. LOCAL TIME, September 25, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and faxed to the Executive Director at (670) 234-5962 or via email at cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than September 21, 2015.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY  
/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA  
Executive Director



Western Sales Trading Co. sales manager Naoki Oura present a \$10,000 check to Karidat executive director Lauri Ogomoro.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## WSTCO donates \$10,000 to Karidat

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA  
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REPORTER

Karidat continues to receive donations from various organizations and businesses.

This week, Western Sales Trading Co. donated \$10,000 to Karidat at their office in Chalan Piao.

Karidat executive director Lauri Ogomoro said they appreciate the help.

"It is very touching that they thought of us and we're very thankful and we'll use it for those in need," Ogomoro said.

"It's been already a month and a lot of people still don't have power and water," said Western Sales Trading Co. sales manager Naoki Oura.

"A lot of people have been affected by Typhoon Soudelor and

**Salvation Army to hold last day of disaster soup kitchen today**

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA  
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The Salvation Army will be having its last day of mass feeding today.

The organization has been providing meals to the public since the week Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan on Aug. 2.

Last Wednesday, the Salvation Army and the feeding center near Kagman market being organized by Church 360, Kagman Community Church, and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief hit a milestone, having served a total of 40,000 meals.

"We actually held it open longer than what was actually needed," said Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie.

The Kagman feeding center will continue with their mass

they need a lot of help. That's why we decided to donate to Karidat so that they can help people [on] Saipan," WSTCO sales supervisor Joey Ejercito said.

Ogomoro said these donations keep them going and give them the ability to restock as they give out everything that they have to those in need.

"This is just fantastic. This adds to our ability to purchase more food and water. We've been going out house-to-house and a lot of people are asking for water and food," Ogomoro said.

She said they continue to go out to villages such as San Roque and Tanapag but they are also working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Red Cross NMI Chapter to go directly to homes to assess and not only to give relief.

**feeding until Sept. 10 from 12pm to 3pm, according to Joy Jones.**

Gillespie said Salvation Army will return to their normal soup kitchen operations next week Friday, Sept. 11.

Gillespie added that they will be going out to do field work now "to do assessments, to visit people who did not qualify for assistance."

Aside from needs assessment, the Salvation Army will also do case work and spiritual counseling.

"After that we'll be transitioning into long-term recovery which is unmet needs," Gillespie said.

The Salvation Army is part of and is working closely with the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

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Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary, Capitol Hill, Building No. 1302, Ascension Drive, Saipan, during regular working hours.

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/S/ LARRISA C. LARSON  
ACTING ADMINISTRATOR  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
RETIREMENT FUND

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON  
DIRECTOR, P&S

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**RFP15-GOV-136**

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# Admin nears release of typhoon impact on revenue

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REPORTER

The administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos is close to releasing dollar figures to account for the "hit" Typhoon Soudelor had on Saipan's economy.

The Department of Finance is currently looking at "revenue points" like revenue tax, customs fees, and business license fees. Once this is completed the administration will be able to crunch a larger number detailing the impact to the economy, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The most immediate numbers after the storm released by the Marianas Visitors Authority on Aug. 12 projected a

\$1.3 million impact on tourism alone. This hit was specifically on business gross and hotel tax revenue, as some 9,360 passengers cancelled their flights after the storm, and the government continued to run, releasing paychecks to worker and retirees.

The administration has had some questions regarding the recalculation of the government budget after the typhoon but has not yet seen the need for a full discussion on austerity measures.

Administration officials expect an "injection of capital" from typhoon relief aid that may lessen the impact on economy.

For example, the \$3.5 million released under Disaster Nutri-

tional Assistance Program is "fresh money" in the hands of the 9,971 consumers processed under the program. Also, federal individual assistance that goes to consumers buying new materials for their homes are fresh dollars now circulating in the economy.

"Naturally we are expecting an impact to government revenues as a result of Typhoon Soudelor," the administration said in a statement. "However, we are hopeful that we will be able to mitigate some of the impact through direct capital injections from the FEMA In-

dividual Assistance program, DNAP, and other relief programs and activities, in addition to the recent \$6 million grant for emergency workforce development from the U.S. Department of Labor."

Other impact includes the hit retail stores took, and the effect of dislocated workers not receiving paychecks because their

establishments were damaged or destroyed by the storm.

Hotels on island have maintained an 85-percent occupancy rate in August, which has been partly attributed to the influx of relief workers from the Guam Power Authority, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Red Cross, among others.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Red Cross closed on Sunday, Monday

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter will be closed on Sunday and Monday (Labor Day). We will resume our client assistance on Tuesday Sept. 8. (ARC)

### Islandwide Cleanup today

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality cleanup will again deviate from its regular first Saturday of the month in support of the governor's scheduled Islandwide Cleanup today, Sept. 4, 2015. Contact Ivan Blanco of the Governor's Office at 237-2232 to register. Our regular International Coastal Cleanup will also be re-scheduled to a later date.

This cleanup will count toward participation in BECQ's scheduled monthly brigades. This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. (BECQ)



Another NMSA (Northern Marianas Sports Association) instant cash winner! Congratulations to Lau Store in Chalan Kanoa, where another \$1000 cash prize was scratched by a lucky customer playing a Tropical Plumeria instant scratch game. The winner who wished to remain anonymous bought four scratchies with her shopping change and won a prize on each ticket! The first ticket won \$2, the next \$3 and a free game followed by a \$1000 jackpot ticket. Good going! Asked for a comment the lucky winner who is a mother and Kinder garden teacher said she would buy an inverter, car battery and fan so when school starts the children will be cool and she can run her laptop to teach them. NMSA operate the instant scratch games as a fundraiser for youth and sports in the CNMI. There are more \$1000 prizes to be won so good luck to all the players! Pictured is Lau Store Owner on behalf of the lucky winner for the \$1000 prize presentation.



# NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE UPDATED Fall 2015 Semester SCHEDULE

#### Fall 2015 Admission Deadline

September 8, 2015  
(Admission closed for Int'l Students)

#### Placement Tests\*

- Sept. 8, 2015 9am or 1 pm – English Placement
- Sept. 9, 2015 9am – English Placement
- Sept. 9, 2015 1pm – Math Placement
- Sept. 10, 2015 9am or 1 pm – Math Placement
- Sept. 14 @ 1pm – English Placement (Int'l Students)
- Sept. 15 @ 9am – Math Placement (Int'l Students)

\*To schedule your placement test, call 234-5484 or email Date/time preference to queanna.sablan@marianas.edu or isabel.matsunaga@marianas.edu. Each of the testing times listed above can accommodate a maximum of 60 students.

#### Student Orientation\*\*

- Sept. 11 @ 9am – For new & Readmitted Students
- Sept. 12 @ 9am – For new & Readmitted Students
- Sept. 14 @ 9am – International Students Orientation

\*\*New Students: Please email queanna.sablan@marianas.edu to indicate which orientation you will be attending.

#### Registration for Classes

Sept. 8-11 Registration for Ongoing Students (Alphabetized Priority)	
Last Name	Registration Date
A-C	September 8
D-K	September 9
L-R	September 10
S-Z	September 11

Sept. 14-25 - Registration for New, Readmitted, and Ongoing Students (First come, first-serve basis)

First Day of Classes for Fall 2015  
September 28, 2015

Last Day of Classes for Fall 2015  
December 19, 2015

Finals Week  
December 21-24, 2015

The dates listed above have been determined based on an expected timeline for the completion of important repair and renovation work necessitated by Typhoon Soudelor. The dates and times may change; please visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu) for more updated information or email [oar@marianas.edu](mailto:oar@marianas.edu).

## Anchor/MBI donate \$20K worth of milk to Salvation Army

Anchor Milk, through its parent company, Fonterra Dairy, with the help of its CNMI exclusive distributor, Micronesian Brokers, Inc., is happy and honored to support the Salvation Army, headed by Pastor Wayne Guillespe, in their efforts to help the victims of Typhoon Soudelor last August.

The Salvation Army has been on the forefront of relief efforts,

along with other government and non-government institutions, in helping the people of Saipan recover from the devastation brought upon about by Typhoon Soudelor. Many people have lost their homes and up to now there is no adequate power and water for the people of Saipan.

Relief efforts coming from charity groups like the Salva-

tion Army help ease the pain and anguish of the stricken public by doing soup kitchens and giving care packages to the affected families.

It is in the light that Anchor Milk, through its local distributor, Micronesian Brokers, Inc., is donating Anchor milk worth \$20,000 in order to restore the health of people during this time of recovery.

Anchor Milk from New Zealand has been one of the leading UHT milk brand on Saipan for the past 20 years and is exclusively distributed by MBI, headed by Dennis Yoshimoto.

Anchor Milk/Fonterra is represented by Bhavya Vujcich

from New Zealand, covering the Guam, NMI, and Pacific areas for the brand.

It is hoped that through this effort, Anchor and MBI can help in its own way in alleviating the suffering of people and giving nutrition to everyone so that we as the CNMI can recover from this tragedy and continue to be strong in our ef-

orts to overcome.

The Salvation Army would also like to inform the public that the Chalan Piao branch will be serving their last meal today, Sept. 4. However, the Kagman Community Church will continue to serve meals on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and their last day will be Thursday next week. (PR)

## Propst gives \$1K worth of dog food, supplies to dog pound

adoptable they become."

"I want to thank Marchadesch and his team, [Saipan Cares for Animals volunteer Jason] Huday and his team of volunteers for their tireless efforts in caring for neglected animals and for trying to find each and every one of them a loving home," Propst said.

"There are those who believe I should forget about animals because we must focus on our people. No doubt that I will always put our people first, but why can't we do both? Why can't we help our people and help our animals as well? We are a loving community, and you can tell a lot about us as a people by how we treat each other, and also how we treat our animals," he said.

Propst noted that he will also be donating funding to charitable organizations such as Empty Vessel, Karidat, and CNMI Salvation Army to purchase food and products they would be distributing to the community.

"We will be utilizing the funds that we have not just for Precinct 1 but the community and some of it will go to children as well as the non-profit organizations whose mission is to feed people and distribute the needed items to the community," Propst said.

Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider noted that, on behalf of Mayor David M. Apatang's office, they were thankful for Propst's donation of dog food.

**Did you know a juvenile green turtle was found recently swimming in circles because a spear-gun shaft twice the length of its body was sticking through its neck? Hunting sea turtles is illegal in the CNMI under Public law 02-51.**

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REPORTER

Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) recently extended a helping hand to Saipan Mayor's Office animal shelter with a \$1,000 worth donation of dog food and other supplies.

According to Propst, he recently talked with Dog Control Program manager Spencer Marchadesch about the needs of



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## Bank of Guam launches coin drive for Saipan

### » Guam students encouraged to donate coins for Soudelor relief

**HAGATNA, Guam**—To help those who gone through the devastating effects of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan, Bank of Guam is encouraging all Guam schools to assist in providing

aid through its “Change for Change” coin drive. All Department of Education schools are invited to participate by collecting their change and donating it to the Typhoon Soudelor

Relief Fund. The Bank of Guam has two branches on Saipan: Garapan and Chalan Piao.

The coin drive will run until Sept. 20, 2015, and will involve all public and private schools on Guam.

Donations should be dropped off at the Hagatna and Harmon branches from Monday to Thurs-

day. Donations should be clearly marked with school name, contact person, and phone number.

At the end of the drive, the bank will recognize all participating schools with the following:

- Certificate of appreciation to participating schools

- An announcement acknowledging the participating schools and reporting the total amount

received from the coin drive.

- Inclusion in the bank’s flat screens.

“We continue to pray for the recovery of our neighbors [on] Saipan and are thankful to be able to work with the Bank of Guam on this coin drive,” said Guam Department of Education Superintendent Jon Fernandez. “I am confident that our employees and families will step forward, as they always do, to help in this effort.”

Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam president and board chair added, “We are grateful for the opportunity to help Saipan, our island sister. We especially thank Superintendent Jon Fernandez for his willingness and cooperation. Together, we extend our Chamorro spirit of generosity and ayuda so that Saipan can renew.” Interested schools should contact Maria Cooper-Nurse at (671) 472-5231. (*BoG*)

## Saipan Chamber to host Business Recovery Fair

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business Recovery Fair in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Typhoon Soudelor ravaged our island businesses; this Business Recovery Fair is your opportunity to gather answers and solutions so that you can get your business back in shape and on the road to recovery, both physically and financially. Experts from FEMA, the Small Business Administration, and other federal and local government agencies

have been invited to participate. Private businesses (including insurance companies, banking and lending institutions, realtors, contractors, and shipping companies) will also share their knowledge to assist with your business needs.

The event will be held from 10am to 3pm on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Attendance is free to all businesses; pre-registration is recommended by calling 234-7150 or e-mailing coordinator@saipanchamber.com to confirm your attendance. (*SCC*)

A special thank you to Tan Holdings for providing the venue at Hibiscus Hall for this event so that we can support our local businesses and provide information to all.

Registration for the event is now being accepted at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315, 3rd floor. Please call 234-7150 or e-mail coordinator@saipanchamber.com to confirm your attendance. (*SCC*)

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## EDITORIAL

### Pope Francis makes it an exciting time to be Catholic

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Earlier this week Pope Francis made a historic visit via satellite feed to Chicago's Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, where he reminded those of us in attendance that Catholic faith and education are capable of updating themselves.

Not surprisingly, he spoke about social responsibility, which he called "friendship in society." But after a student in my homeroom described her challenging skin condition and mentioned a passion for music, the pontiff surprised the entire crowd by asking her to sing an impromptu song.

In my seat at the back of the school's chapel, I sat stunned, not just by Valerie's strength in singing a graceful Spanish song about the Virgin Mary on international TV, but by the refreshing, welcoming tone of this pope and his priorities for modern Catholics.

In the past, when I have mentioned to strangers that I taught at a Catholic school, they sometimes responded as though I had lost all capacity for independent thought. To compound matters, a recent study of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate confirmed my status as the Typical American Catholic—down to my gender, age, education, income and middle name (Mary).

But the pope's virtual encounter with our students and other American audiences this week was profound evidence of a personal connection with ordinary people's stories and sources of courage they may not have known they possessed. His ministry has a special resonance in America's Latino communities. The three venues included in the pope's satellite visit indicated a lot about his areas of focus and overall vision for the church: our school, which primarily serves the proud children of immigrant, lower-income families; a Texas parish near the U.S.-Mexican border; and a group of people in Los Angeles who have experienced homelessness.

As the pope listened to stories of extreme challenge and living on the margins of society, he repeatedly reminded his subjects that they were not alone, and he urged them to remain courageous.

As a world leader who has famously broken with formal traditions and participated in such modern rituals as "selfie" photos with tourist fans, the pope adeptly used screens and satellite technology to reflect back Americans' devastating stories as well as their hidden strengths. Valerie's song, so unscripted and uplifting, provided an apt soundtrack for the pontiff's disarming, down-to-earth style and messages. He reminded us of Jesus' humble origins. When he spoke about forces in social justice, he further connected with his audience by using soccer metaphors to illustrate his points.

Back in Rome, the pope's range and accessibility are spectacularly demonstrated in the Vatican Museums, which are home to both the Sistine Chapel and an exhibit of the pope's autographed soccer jerseys from across the world. One glorious morning last summer, I had the opportunity to view both. Later, when I told my students about seeing the soccer jerseys

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### Obama's ALASKA Scrapbook



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### A shocking silence on the Islamic State sex slavery

**O**ne of the most heinous of the endless war crimes of the Islamic State has been the systematic rape of thousands of young girls and women—who are sold as sex slaves.

Most of the victims come from the Yazidi religious minority, labeled nonbelievers by the Islamic State. They were captured when the Islamic State invaded northern Iraq last year and wiped out their communities.

But one of the sex slaves was a fresh-faced blond American, a 25-year-old aid worker who was captured in Syria in August 2013. Kayla Mueller was chained in a room and raped for months by the leader of the Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, before being killed in February (supposedly by a Jordanian air strike, but the true cause is uncertain).

What astonishes me is the paucity of global outrage at the buying and selling of sex slaves—not to mention U.S. outrage at the enslavement of Mueller. American women organized to protest the Taliban's repression of women but not the Islamic State atrocities that make the Taliban's war crimes look mild in comparison. How can this be?

It's not because the Islamic State's slave trade isn't heinous or heartbreaking. The New York Times' Rukmini Callimachi recently documented the Islamic State's revival of slavery as an institution, with a bureaucracy of warehouses and viewing rooms where Yazidi girls are auctioned as chattel.

The Islamic State has compiled Quranic scripture that sanctions slavery and sexual assault on nonbelievers (Callimachi interviews a 12-year-old escapee who recalls how her rapist prayed before and after he defiled her). Clearly there is a need for Muslim leaders and senior clerics worldwide who haven't already done so to label such scripture as centuries outdated, and denounce the practice of slavery.

As for the broader public, why no outcry? I asked Samer Muscati, senior researcher on women's rights for Human Rights Watch. He had recently interviewed 20 young Yazidi women in Iraq who had escaped the Islamic State slavery. He says these were among the worst cases he has ever documented—even after years of reporting on human-rights crimes in Iraq.

"People become numb to all these atrocities," he said sadly. "There is war fatigue, with nothing but doom and gloom from Iraq and Syria." He added that because people don't know much about the Yazidi minority, "there hasn't been the outcry of disgust you would expect." Moreover, Muscati says, it's hard for human-rights groups to "name and shame" a group that glorifies its own abuses, and acts outside any norms.

But what about Mueller's case? Here was a young American woman—kept as the personal sex slave of the Islamic State's leader—who wrote in a smuggled letter that she would never "give in" to her captors. She refused a chance to escape lest she endanger Yazidi girls imprisoned with her to whom she had become a mother figure. A U.S. effort to free her failed, as she had already been removed from the site that American commandos raided.

Yet her tragic story has caused hardly a ripple in U.S. public opinion.

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Perhaps Americans are perplexed that an American would risk her life to try to help Syrians. Or maybe most Americans are simply confused about what, if anything, they can do to halt the Islamic State atrocities in the Mideast.

I can understand that confusion. President Obama's policies for fighting the Islamic State are so inept and contradictory they have helped the group's so-called caliphate to sink ever-deeper territorial roots. The White House still doesn't seem to recognize the long-term security threat the group poses to the U.S. homeland, as the Islamic State inspires ever more disgruntled youths to adopt its fanatic values.

Top U.S. military brass label a revisionist Russia the most urgent U.S. security challenge in the near term. But, if left unchecked, the Islamic State may pose the greater threat to the West over the next decade. And should anyone doubt the more immediate the Islamic State challenge to Europe, one needs only watch scenes of Syrian refugees streaming through the Balkans to escape the chaos that jihadis (and Damascus) are wreaking.

So the fight against sexual slavery must be part of a bigger struggle. This will require (finally) a serious U.S. policy to help Iraqis and Syrians who want to roll back the jihadis. Washington must give all needed military support to Iraqi, Syrian, and Turkish Kurds, who have fought most effectively against the Islamic State. It was the Kurds who pushed these fiends back from the Yazidi heartland, and any current U.S. effort to woo Turkey must not betray Kurdish fighters.

In the meantime, concerned Americans should press the administration to provide more targeted aid for Yazidi girls who have escaped the Islamic State, and are now living as refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan, whose regional government is overwhelmed and can't provide all the assistance that is needed.

"The girls and women who've escaped need access to rehabilitation and skills training," says Muscati, "and there is a real lack of psychological help" to enable them to cope, in a society where sexual abuse and abortion are taboo subjects. This is where concerned Americans can focus immediate attention.

The enslavement of Yazidi women symbolizes a movement that rejects every norm of civilization, and must be combated. For those who are outraged at the Islamic State's adulation of rape, there are things to be done.

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## Fifteen cents

**I**t's "back to school" time again. Hey, don't look to me for any wisdom. Me, I got most of my basic education in 15-cent increments.

Fifteen cents was the price of used paperback books at a local store. They sold hardcover books, too, but they weren't as portable as the paperbacks which, for good reason, were sometimes called "pocket books." Maybe these books didn't put the world at my feet, but they did put a good slice of it in my head, or at least in my pocket.

The only thing as valuable as what I learned from getting these books is what I learned from losing them.

But, first things first. The cheap price isn't the direct point here, but it's certainly related to the abundance we enjoyed, so I can't ignore it. On that note I'll admit that it's an eye-roller when some old bore wants to blather on about prices in the old days, waxing nostalgic about when a peck of coal cost only two doubloons plus a demi-pence for the collier, or whatever it is they talk about, since I'm not paying attention.

So here's some relevant context: When I started paying 15 cents per used book, I was earning \$2 an hour for doing odd jobs. So this came to about 13 books per hour. On a purchasing-power per unit of labor basis, that's a pretty sweet deal.

On a constant-dollar basis, those 15-cent books would cost about 68 cents in today's dollars. Hey, still a sweet deal.

Of all my pals back then, only a few were interested in books. But of those few, we found that teaming up made things better. So the books were always circulating within our ranks. And on the procurement side of things, we all had a pretty good idea of which writers the other guys liked, so we'd scoop these books up when we found them.

## Is NMI a Third World country?

**A**ssuming you have no inherent ties to the islands. You enter the Internet and start reading headlines and stories about the Marianas from the two local papers.

I'm sure your impression would be far from the "paradise" travel writers have dubbed it to be but more like a "Third World country."

**High collar crime:** Impeachment, resignation, conviction and, yes, commutation all in quick succession. Bewildering? How about eight murder cases gone cold—even the disappearance of four young women remains unsolved. Major travel cancellations, business slowdown and a protracted pace in recovery. The complete abandon of precious ancestral burial ground in favor of a casino... no sense of heritage...a confused juvenile mindset!

It seems a perfect work venue in progress for "That's all she wrote!" or a murder novel.

With pants below our knees, we found out we don't even know how to deal with the normal conduct of business, much less dove-tailed disasters. We love ad hoc planning—plan by eventualities—hoping to make it with another miracle. We fear discovering that we could also plan for our future!

Curious that Tinian Dynasty has shot down casino gaming operations displacing over 140 workers. These aren't good tidings at all! What triggered the eventual fiscal inferno?

Rota's casino never got off the ground, though someone thinks it's a lucrative "global" venture. Then why is it stuck in the filthy sand of non-operation?

**Does anybody care?** Very troubling the lack of expression from among the 20-something students here how big corporations now dictate the electoral process. Does it matter we're being corralled for sale at the stock auction when such decision was once founded on personal integrity?

I think the origin of these anomalies came from within ourselves where we never gave the long thoughtful process a chance. It's the usual "ad hoc" approach.

I kept bumping into grand inconsistencies in what is said about

More on procurement: Even by the standards of the day the prices must have been cheap, since, at the store, we had to jostle with the grown-ups who would also pick through the tomes.

The grown-ups, mostly tired-looking salarymen on their way home from the office, didn't really stand a chance against us. They would have been better off if the books were more expensive, which would have pushed my pals and I out of the market. But, as it was, the grown-ups were competing with ants for raw sugar, and if there's one thing you'll note on Saipan or anywhere else, it's that the ants always win.

Most of the paperbacks were from the fiction and non-fiction bestseller lists. I think these books were released in hardcover first, with the cheaper paperback versions coming along later. Hey, that was fine with us. We just consumed whatever came along. We didn't care how the listing end of things worked.

But the respectable, bestseller, middle-brow fare wasn't our only interest. We also liked some pulp fiction that came in numbered series. I think these were released as paperbacks from the start. A series called "The Destroyer" was a favorite. It was both a wry spoof of, and a shameless example of, pulp fiction. That's a pretty wacky concept. Little wonder then, that all these decades later, I still chuckle at some lines from those books.

Anyway, whatever they were about, and whoever wrote them, the books had to go somewhere after I read them and after they were passed around, so I kept them in organized shelves at home. My friends were doing the same thing.

A few years into this routine, when I was in high school, my family had to pack to move out of state. At this point, the books became heavy paper elephants that were too expensive to keep because they were too expensive to move. I told my best friend that he could have them.

**By ED STEPHENS**

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As I boxed them up, I was worried that it would be difficult to part with them. But, when the time came, it turned out that I was happier to see my friend get them than I was sad to lose them. After all, they had served their purpose. I was looking forward to my family's newer, and far better, home, and it struck me that, while I liked getting 15-cent books, I sure as heck wasn't going to let them get me.

A bunch of years later, when it was time to move my office to Saipan, it was mercifully easy to pare the books, yes, even "important" professional ones, down to absolutely minimal essentials. Many books can be re-purchased if necessary, some others can be largely summarized by taking good notes, and a lot of others, well, we just don't have to keep them around.

Meanwhile, computer technology, and the weightless nature of data, is, of course, changing things. Information is conveyed via electrons, not ink. So maybe someday this whole gig about keeping books, or leaving them behind, will be as archaic as quill pens.

But, as for today, I'm still a low-tech guy. And I would like to buy just one more old-fashioned, ink-on-paper sort of book, but they've sure gone up in price. Can you spare a doubloon or two?

the preservation of Pagan. We don't want the military there but it's okay to destroy it with pozzolan extraction. Didn't know we have that many pirates venturing in and out of Smiling Cove Marina.

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At the social or PTA level, have parents and teachers held consultation conferences to deal with how modern gadgets have ruined familial conversations, prayers and even the relegation of the local language? Or does this matter at all?

A lot of vital issues have been beaten into negligence land taking preference in shortsighted politics. It's politics over what's right.

**Semantics!** A truly people-oriented Delegate Kilili doesn't mince words when it comes down to extending help to victims of the recent superstorm.

He just reminded the administration to get over "semantics" and get as much help to those seeking assistance. How true that the duo—Inos and Torres—have placed greater importance on the maintenance of a bureaucracy over the single most important component of all—assistance—for hard-beaten storm victims!

Not a fan either of seasoned bureaucrats who often ignore fiduciary duty in favor of trying to sound vacuously authoritative. *Hombre*, let's keep it simple, otherwise we'd be going in and out of the court of public jargons trying to figure out if a word is a synonym or an antonym, get it? And without an understanding of the term's definitions, where would you take your fully polished bureaucratic lingo?

**Depth of destruction:** My jaw still drops at the depth of destruction between Koblerville and Garapan on incidental cruise to the business center. Talk about being pulped at every corner. Everything comes to a screeching halt. The tons of debris inside villages would take months to clear.

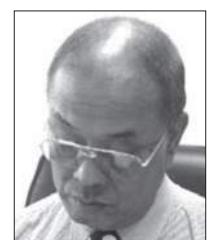
Good to learn the military has flown in telephone poles. We could have done this ourselves if we had borrowed a former congressman his flying kite retrofit it so we begin hauling poles from the West Coast. Seriously, though, my personal salute to the strongest global defense team who volunteered providing direly needed potable water throughout the villages.

Folks aren't holding back on their expressions of the snail-like progress being made in the recovery effort. They were expecting

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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something decisive. There's nothing up that alley. And so the band plays on "take me out to the ball game."

The combined eight teams erecting downed telephone poles are at it daily. No fanfare, just the appropriate emplacement or replacement of downed poles and lines. Imagine if you allow 29 other confused so-called policymakers pitch in even picking trash along main thoroughfare. The CUC, GPA and FEMA teams have done superbly well.

Folks, southern Saipan is back up as of last Wednesday evening. Lateral areas should be fixed soon just as the team identifies which area goes first. Thanks a million!

**Tough sail:** With serious revenue losses shortly, e.g., major visitor cancellations and its accompanying domino effects would be tough sailing trying to maintain the crew happy when revenue generation takes a nosedive this month.

In budgeting the decision boils to "nice to have" or "must have" and I'm sure this is no easy feat for budget hawkers. I wonder what would be the collection for September just as the nosedive takes full speed into the deep blue off Banzai Cliff! Bad time to be the chief navigator!

Let's be upfront about the fiscal mess, unpleasant it may be politically. How do we divvy \$20 million when we still owe CUC over \$30 million, \$40 apiece to CHC and CUC and other Cs? Must employ the old juvenile fish split known as "patten tiau" to ensure we make it through another day. And for as long as there doesn't exist a plan, how do we foster some sense of purpose and organization? "I don't know Maria!"

Earlier this week, when my Cristo Rey students rushed into homeroom, they were buzzing, but not about the recent surge of international attention. The seniors were excited about signing up for opportunities to volunteer this fall, which includes helping out at the Chicago Marathon. Fresh from their unprecedented opportunity to speak with the celebrity pontiff, the students cared less about his fame than living out his values.

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**POPE**

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autographed for "Francisco," they were delighted and wanted to see photos. (Not to worry: We also study Michelangelo and "The Creation of Adam" at our high school.) It is not surprising that tourism to the Vatican has more than doubled since Pope Francis took office, according to published reports.

While in Rome, I also had a chance to hear the pope address the crowd in St. Peter's Square from his apartment. As in Chicago, the pontiff was mainly discernible on a large screen and sound system set up on the square. That day, Rome was celebrating the

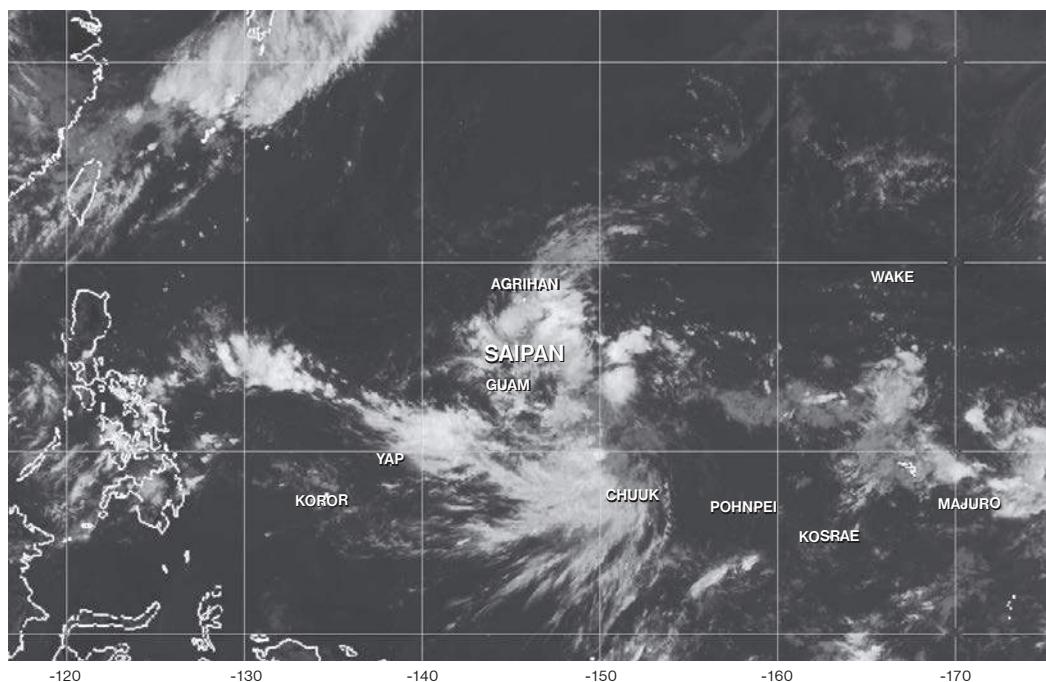
Solemnity of the Feast of Peter and Paul, the patron saints of the city. After the noontime Angelus, in which the pope offered a blessing and discussed the relevant gospel, he greeted the crowd. Speaking in everyday Italian, he mentioned his upcoming trip to Bolivia, Ecuador and Paraguay. He also encouraged the crowd to enjoy our lunch and to make sure we saw that night's celebratory fireworks, whose proceeds would benefit a charity initiative in the Holy Land and countries of the Middle East. Squinting up at the papal apartment and over at the large color screen, I listened to the pope in the stark heat of St. Peter's Square and felt oddly at home. For the first time in years, my faith felt not just sustaining but exciting.

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



## PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Kilo is centered 830 miles east-northeast of Wake Island at 25N178E drifting westward with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are found within 200 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Kilo, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service in Guam under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough stretches eastward from 12N130E through a weak circulation near Guam at 12N147E then east-southeastward through another circulation northeast of Chuuk near 9N153E then eastward to beyond the date line at 12N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found northwest of Koror between 13N and 15N from 130E to 133E northeast of Yap within 70 miles of a line from 12N139E to 10N144E over Chuuk between 6N and 10N from 145E to 153E around the Marianas between 10N and 19N from 144E to 153E and around Kwajalein and north of Majuro within 200 miles of a line extending from 12N165E to 7N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia		
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 80

Tides		
Saipan Harbor		
7:00 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.0 Feet
1:22 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.7 Feet
7:10 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:05 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:25 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	11:06 PM	11:12 AM
Saturday	11:58 PM	12:09 PM
Sunday		1:04 PM
Monday	12:50 AM	1:57 PM
Tuesday	1:42 AM	2:46 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm
<b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b>		
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b>		
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm
<b>SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)</b>			<b>PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN</b>		
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>			<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>			<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>		
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ607	8:45am
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	OZ607	9:30am
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7		
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>			<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>		
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>			<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>			<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>		
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>			<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>			<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>		
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/6053	12:15pm
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT		
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm
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UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5041	

# It's Back to School!

Here are some tips that can help provide a prepared and ready child as they return to school following Typhoon Soudelor:

#### WHAT ADULTS CAN DO: GUIDE

**1** Adults should model calm and control to reassure children they are safe and to bolster children's emotional security. Remind children that trustworthy people are in charge and that they are safe.

**2** Monitor stress levels. Talk to friends and family members that can help. Be observant of those who may be at risk. Seek help.

**3** Let children know that it is okay to feel upset and encourage them to talk about their

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feelings. As you observe their emotional state, adults should help children put feelings of grief, anxiety or discomfort into perspective. Tell the truth and stick to the facts. Also, talk to children according to their developmental stage.

#### WHAT SCHOOLS CAN DO: REASSURANCE

**1** Assure children that they are safe and that schools are well prepared to take care of them at all times. Maintain structure and stability. It would be best, however, not to have tests or major projects within the next few days.

**2** Have a plan for the first few days back at school. Include guidance counselors and crisis team members in planning the school's response. Know what community resources are available for children who may need extra counseling.

**3** Provide teachers and parents with information about what to say and do for children in school and at home. Have teachers provide information directly to their students for a more personal support.

**4** Be aware of students who may have recently experienced a personal tragedy or have a personal connection to victims or their

families. Provide these students extra support and leniency if necessary.

**5** Provide an outlet for students' desire to help. Consider making get well cards or sending letters to families and survivors of the tragedy, or writing thank you letters to emergency rescue workers and those involved in disaster recovery work.

#### WHAT PARENTS CAN DO: COMFORT

**1** Focus on your children and make time to talk with them. Reassure them that you love them and everything will be okay. Try to help them understand what has

happened, keeping in mind their developmental level.

**2** Stay close to your children and give plenty of hugs and cuddles at bedtime. Your physical presence will reassure them that they are loved and safe. Spend extra time reading or playing quiet games with your children before bed. These activities are calming and foster closeness, and they reinforce a sense of normalcy. Try to maintain a "normal" routine.

**3** Find out what resources your school has in place to help children cope. Schools are a good place for children to regain a sense of normalcy. Being with their friends and teachers can help.

Source: CNMI Public School System

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# In aftermath of Soudelor, MCS opens with enrollment boost

Despite the islandwide damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor, Mount Carmel School opened this past week with a 15 percent enrollment boost from last year with a student body of over 440 students. The number exceeds the school's projection for 430 students and marks a 75-percent enrollment increase from three years ago when enrollment was around 250.

School president Galvin Deleon

Guerrero expressed his appreciation for the students' families. "In this time of hardship, we appreciate the confidence that parents have invested in the school by sending their children here," he said. "We know that is a sacrifice, one that we will honor by doing our best to give our students the best."

Despite power and water challenges still affecting the island, MCS was able to procure generators and make the

most of available CUC water to ensure that students had working restrooms, air-conditioned classrooms, and Internet access. "It's important that we provide our students with a comfortable environment conducive to learning," said school principal Frances Taimanao.

Amalina Evangelista, a senior, appreciates the efforts of the school. "Because so many out there don't have



Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, left, and Fr. Rey Rosal, school chaplain, kick off the 2015-2016 school year by celebrating Mass with the MCS family.

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Second grade students Alana Hayes, right, and Joseph Brandon Pangelinan, are hard at work in the first week of the 2015-2016 school year.

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power and water, I feel very blessed and fortunate. ...I feel like it's a haven for students."

Preparations for the school year were delayed by the impact of Soudelor. However, soon afterwards, the school family came together to clean debris, repair damage, and ready the campus for the new school year. These efforts culminated this past Saturday, Aug. 29, as Knights, AlumKnights, parents, and supporters came together for a campus cleanup.

The first day of school started with the annual opening day Mass, which was celebrated by Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Apostolic Administrator for the

Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, and con-celebrated by Fr. Rey Rosal, school chaplain. Due to a lack of electricity at Mount Carmel Cathedral, the Mass was held in the school's cafeteria. Asked why the Mass was held there, Deleon Guerrero explained, "We wanted to emphasize to our students that our faith and sacraments can and should still continue regardless of our situation."

In his homily, Rosal encouraged students "to get out there and serve your communities, letting your deeds show everyone your faith and your character as Mount Carmel School students." (MCS)

## Eco Camp partners with public schools

Mariana Resort and Spa and Marianas Trekking have teamed up to provide a free summer camp for Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School students until public school begins.

"We wanted to help and we thought one of the best ways we could do that was to extend our summer program and make it free for kids nearby. The principal at GTC helped find a class of kids that will be together when school starts so we are just happy to help them get a head start. We are really excited to have them at Eco Camp and we hope

it helps some of the families who are busy rebuilding after the storm," said Chris Nelson, owner of Marianas Trekking.

This week a class of second graders are attending camp and next week a new class of third graders will attend. Activities include snorkeling, kayaking, swimming, arts and crafts, hiking, and field games. A buffet lunch is also provided free of charge for the kids by Mariana Resort.

"Mariana Resort and Spa is honored and excited to participate in this program, especially

dealing with the children of our northern education partners and we look forward to participating in such programs for many years to come," said Gloria Cavanagh, general manager of Mariana Resort and Spa.

Mariana Resort and Spa and Marianas Trekking have been offering Eco Camp at the resort for the past 16 years. It is the longest running summer camp on Saipan and is also the designated provider of camp services in Micronesia for the Army Reserve Enrichment Camp. (*Marianas Trekking*)



## KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE

## Here's your back-to-school organizational plan

By DANIELLE BRAFF  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

School is here or coming, so before the mad rush of lunches, artwork and papers begin flooding your home again, it's best to have an organizational plan. Our advice? Match your organizing scheme to your kids—a first-grader with an artistic side is going to require a different approach from a high schooler with college applications and advanced math to contend with.

Keeping in mind the stages each family passes through as children advance through school, we got a little expert advice and devised a plan for each age group.

"When I think about organizing different age groups, the general way I think about it is: Little kids need help managing their things, older elementary school kids need help managing their time, high school kids need help learning how to manage responsibilities," said Heidi Solomon, a certified professional organizer and founder of Boston-based P.O.S.H. Professional Organizing Services by Heidi.

Consider the plans below a starter guide to organizational sanity for each age group—pick and choose what works to suit your house and family.

**Preschool**

The goal: Teach small chores such as putting away toys, manage the art projects.

**Tame the artwork.** "It's important to identify where it will be stored and displayed before it takes over the house,"

Solomon said. "I recommend selecting an area of the house where it will be displayed, and then rotating out the pieces as more come in. Some can be framed, some can be loose—but the idea is that the amount of space consumed is limited to one or two areas of the house." The Personalized Art Portfolio (\$19.95 at onestepahead.com) can store oversized masterpieces in nine compartments so you can divide their work by age, year or subject.

**Tidy the art supplies.** These tend to multiply. But the Closetware Over-the-Door 24-Pocket Shoe Organizer (\$14.99 at bedbathandbeyond.



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Install low hooks so little ones can learn to hang up their own jackets and backpacks. The Land of Nod Birdwatcher Wall Hooks (\$21.95) come in a set of three and don't look so childish that they can't be used throughout your child's grade school and teen years.

com) is an easy way to keep everything in place, suggested Jill Annis, of Simply Organized in Madison, Wis.

**n Hook 'em early.** Install low hooks so little ones can learn to hang up their jackets and backpacks, said Lisa Zaslow, founder and CEO of Gotham Organizers in New York. The Land of Nod Birdwatcher Wall Hooks (\$21.95) come in a set of three and don't look so childish that they can't be used throughout your child's grade school and teen years.

**Grade school**

The goal: Learn time management by using a calendar and clock, foster independence with basic responsibilities like making their own lunches, make places for sports equipment and homework.

**Tie them down.** Being able to track everyone's schedules at

buses depart (MHS)

**Kagman Elementary School calendar**

**Sept. 9, 2015:** Parent/Student Orientation for Grades K-2nd at 9am to 10am

Orientation will take place in the school cafeteria.

**Sept. 9, 2015:** Parent/Student Orientation for Grades 3rd-5th at 10am to 11am (**SVES**)

**Sept. 9, 2015:** Parent/student orientation for grades K-2nd at 9am to 10am

**Sept. 10, 2015:** Parent / student orientation for grades 3rd-5th at 9am to 10am

**Sept. 14, 2015:** First day of instruction for all students (K-5th), from 7:50am to 11:30am

During the parent and student orientation day, teachers will be present to meet with parents and share instructional goals and expectations for the school year. (**KagES**)

**11th grade at 1pm**

**12th grade at 3pm**

Students must register in order for you to obtain a class schedule. School opens on Sept. 8. Contact KHS main office for any questions- 664-3780 or via email at khsayuyu@kagmanhigh.org. (**KHS**)

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**Dandan Middle School orientation**

The school year will begin on Sept. 8, 2015. We will be conducting orientation for 8th grade students today, Sept. 4, 9am at the cafeteria. Because of the circumstances that we are all experiencing at the moment, we have limited the school supplies that will be requiring from our students. If you have any questions contact (670) 237-3662 or email lynn.mendiola@cnmipss.org and / or reo.ariiola@cnmipss.org. (**DMS**)

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**First day of classes: Sept. 8, 2015.**

**7:15am:** All high school bus riders should be at the bus stops.

**8am-12:15pm:** Class session.

**12:15pm:** Lunch/dismissal

**12:45pm:** After school;



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There will be a lot of papers coming home daily, and your high school student will need to keep track of them all. The Open-Top File Boxes (starting at \$4.99 at containerstore.com) can be labeled with class titles.

a glance will keep you on top of all of your family's activities. Whether you use an old-school wall-mounted calendar with spaces for each family member or an electronic version linked to your smartphone, assign a different color for each person to make it easier to see who's where when, Zaslow said. Transfer the information from schedules, invitations and fliers to the calendar and toss the

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### Bell Schedules

#### Elementary Schools

First Bell: 7:30 a.m.  
Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.

#### Middle Schools

First Bell: 8:00 a.m.  
Dismissal: 12:15 p.m.

#### High Schools

First Bell: 8:00 a.m.  
Dismissal: 12:45 a.m.

### Bus Schedules

#### Elementary

Bus Pick Up: 6:45 – 7:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off : 11:30 a.m.

#### Middle Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

#### High Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

### Contact Numbers

#### Elementary Schools

Garapan Elementary School	664-3957
Mrs. Liela Yumul, Principal	783-8688
Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School	664-3410
Ms. Raena Bermudes, Principal	783-8960
Kagman Elementary School	664-3911
Dr. Ignacia Demapan, Principal	783-8684
Koblerville Elementary School	664-3961
Mrs. Rizalina Liwag, Principal	783-8984
Oleai Elementary School	664-3942/3/4/5
Ms. Jasylene Parico, Interim Principal	783-8977
San Vicente Elementary School	None
Mrs. Paulette Sablan, Principal	783-8980
Sinapalo Elementary School	532-9521/2
Ms. Daisy Quitugua, Principal	783-8959
Tinian Elementary School	433-9250
Ms. Lou Connie Manglona, Acting Principal	783-8962
William S. Reyes Elem. School	664-3975
Ms. Naomi Nishimura, Principal	783-8965

#### Middle / Junior High Schools

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Mr. Vince Dela Cruz, Principal	783-8988
Dandan Middle School	664-5025
Mrs. Lynn Mendiola, Principal	789-9203
San Antonio Middle School	664-3933
Mr. James Sablan, Principal	783-8690
Hopwood Jr. High School	664-5079
Mr. Jonas Barcinas, Principal	783-8976
Tanapag Middle School	664-3425
Mrs. Erica Thornburgh, Acting Principal	783-8963

#### High Schools

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Tinian Jr./Sr. High School	433-9270
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Ms. Martha Kintol, Principal	783-8961
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## Double Session Elementary School Schedules

### 1a. Garapan Elementary School Kindergarten

AM Session: 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
PM Session: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### 1b. Garapan Elementary School 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Morning Session  
First Bell: 7:30 a.m.  
Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 -7:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

### 1c. Garapan Elementary School 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Afternoon Session  
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.  
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

### 2a. San Vicente Elementary School

#### Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade

Morning Session  
First Bell: 7:25 a.m.  
Dismissal Bell: 11:30 a.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 a.m.-7:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

### 2b. San Vicente Elementary School

#### 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

Afternoon Session  
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.  
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.  
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.  
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

# STUDENTS FIRST

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By LAUREN CHATTMAN  
NEWSDAY

When my youngest child leaves for college in two years, I'll miss her. But I won't miss packing her lunchbox every day. If only I had had the foresight to assign this task to my kids when they entered kindergarten.

If you have little ones, don't make the same mistake. Have them pack their own lunches from the get-go, and you'll save yourself a lot of time and grief. You'll also give them the sense of empowerment that goes along with making their own decisions. When they take responsibility for their lunches, kids also learn something about food preparation and healthy eating.

Before handing them brown bags and telling them to get going, prepare them, and yourself, with these three tips:

### **1 SET NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES**

You don't want your kid throwing a Twinkie and a can of soda in a sack before heading for the bus stop. Before they pack their first lunch, explain that a balanced meal includes protein, carbohydrates, fruit or

# 5 easy back-to-school lunches

vegetables and a reasonable treat. Each category should be checked off mentally or on an actual checklist as they put the food in a lunchbox or bag.

### **2 STOCK THE FRIDGE AND PANTRY**

There are no quick and healthy lunches without the right ingredients. Once or twice a week, restock your refrigerator and pantry with the protein, carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables and snacks that your kids like. Slice rolls in half before freezing, cut up vegetables, if necessary, stock a basket or drawer with chips, raisins and pretzels. Make a batch of trail mix or granola bars for the week.

### **3 MAKE PACKING SUPPLIES ACCESSIBLE**

Keep small containers for snacks and sandwiches, plastic forks and knives, and paper napkins all in one place, near the lunchboxes and water bottles.

Have several icepacks in the freezer to keep lunches cold all morning.

### **Five easy lunches**

Making lunch doesn't have to mean a lot of slicing and dicing. Even a 5-year-old can put together one of the following protein and carbohydrate combinations, no chef's knife necessary.

#### **TURKEY AND HUMMUS WRAPS**

Hummus is easy to spread on a flatbread or tortilla. Top with a few slices of turkey and maybe some lettuce leaves, roll up and—voila!—lunch is done.

#### **PEANUT BUTTER AND ...**

Another spread-and-go option. If your child doesn't like jelly, provide something like honey, banana (easy to cut with a butter knife), bacon (pre-cooked by you in the microwave), pickles. There's a combination for everyone.

#### **GOAT CHEESE AND SALAMI ON A ROLL**

Slice crusty sandwich rolls before freezing them, so they're

always on hand. Your child can spread goat cheese on one side, top with salami, wrap in plastic, and let the sandwich defrost in the lunchbox. For a vegetarian alternative, skip the salami and spread some pesto on the other side of the roll.

#### **HAM, CHEESE AND MUSTARD ON WHOLE-GRAIN BREAD**

Whole-grain bread, with lots of seeds, gives any sandwich a nutritional boost. Keep a loaf in the freezer. A slice or two of ham and real cheese (I like Cabot's Cheddar slices) make a hearty filling.

#### **GUACAMOLE, BLACK BEANS AND CORN CHIPS**

Buy chips designed for scooping, so your child can pack them along with small containers of guacamole and drained canned black beans.

#### **Box-freezing and packing homemade granola bars**

There's no comparison between the taste of store-bought and homemade granola bars. If you

and your child work to make your own, you know exactly what's going into them and can customize them to your child's tastes. Use any combination of nuts and seeds that you'd like. Use whole-wheat flour instead of white flour. Swap in honey or molasses for the maple syrup. Substitute raisins, cranberries, dried blueberries or chocolate chips for the dried cherries.

### **PLAN**

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papers.

■ **Create a lunch station.** Reserve one cabinet, drawer or shelf in your kitchen solely for school lunches so that everything is in one place. This should contain napkins, lunch bags or boxes, orphaned flatware (grab these at thrift stores), easy to-go snacks and reusable water bottles. Everything but the perishable ingredients should be stored here, Zaslow said. Consider corralling perishables for lunches in one spot in

Once your bars are cooled, cut them and wrap each one separately in plastic wrap. Put the wrapped bars in a zipper-lock bag or airtight container and place in the freezer. Bars can go straight from the freezer into the lunchbox, either the night before or the morning of a school day. (For a recipe for cherry and maple granola bars, see newsday.com/food).

the fridge, if you have room.

■ **Catch everything as it comes in.** Don't drag everything into the house. Even if you don't have a mudroom, add a storage bench in the entry of your home, which should have room for backpacks, sports bags and bins for hats and gloves, Annis said. She recommended the Martha Stewart White Storage Bench with Seat (\$49.98 at homedepot.com), which has spots for everything.

### **High school**

The goal: Help create systems to monitor long-term deadlines and work, then turn them over to your student! Make a place for heavy-duty work to get done without distractions.

■ **Make it manageable.** Schoolwork will require them to manage deadlines beyond doing tonight's homework. Help your teen manage his time with a wall calendar system. The Pop Art Dry Erase Calendars (\$19.99 at containerstore.com) won't mar your walls, which is a good thing since before you know it, your child will be leaving for college, Zaslow said.

■ **Organize their work.** There will be a lot of papers coming home daily, and your high school student will need to keep track of them all. The Open-Top File Boxes (starts at \$4.99 at containerstore.com) can be labeled with class titles. Learning to establish an organizational system will be a necessary skill throughout life, so foster it now.

### **College**

The goal: Help organize the stuff in that dorm room, add amenities that foster organization and scheduling.

■ **Give them a lift.** You have to look for storage, anywhere you can find it. Use Extra Tall Bed Risers—Adjustable Height (\$19.78 at dormco.com), which can add up to 8 inches to under a dorm bed so everything from suitcases to laundry baskets can be stored there, Annis said.

■ **Take notes out of the classroom.** Even if your teen has everything on his phone, it helps to have it all laid out on his wall so that he gets a big-picture schedule—and he sees it as soon as he rolls out of bed, Annis said. This Chalk Calendar Wall Decal (\$69 at pbteen.com) sticks on the wall and peels off at the end of the year sans surface damage.

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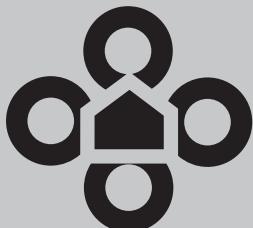
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# Guam Legislature OKs chemical castration

HAGĀTÑA, Guam—The Guam Legislature passed Bill 99-33, the "Chemical Castration for Sex Offenders Act" yesterday morning. Bill 99 requires the Department of Corrections to establish a hormone or anti-androgen pilot treatment program for persons convicted of sex crimes and who are eligible for parole or post-prison supervision.

"Thank you to my seven colleagues for passing this measure. With the support of Gov. [Eddie] Calvo, Guam will join seven other jurisdictions in the nation and will be the only territory in

adopting chemical castration for sex offenders and pedophiles," stated Sen. Brant McCreadie.

McCreadie further stated, "Today is a great day for our community. We passed a bill

to prevent the re-victimization of our women and children. The legislature has spoken—their message was loud and clear to eliminate these offenses and re-offenses." (PR)

## Delta, China Eastern finalize expanded partnership

Delta and China Eastern Airlines have finalized the expansion of its partnership by holding a signing ceremony for its expanded partnership Tuesday in Shanghai.

The agreement, which includes a \$450 million investment by Delta to acquire a 3.55-percent stake in China Eastern, was signed by Delta president Ed Bastian and Ma Xulun, president of China Eastern, and witnessed by more than 30 executives and leaders of

both airlines, including Delta CEO Richard Anderson; Vinay Dube, Delta's senior vice president—Asia-Pacific; and Wayne Aaron, Delta's senior vice president—Alliances and Partnership Development; as well as Chinese and U.S. government officials, airport authorities, industry leaders, and media reporters.

"Delta and China Eastern are always friends and now we are a family," said Liu Shaoyong, chairman of China Eastern. "Our

partnership is closer, warmer, more sincere and cohesive, we carry our confidence in this prospective of such partnership."

During the ceremony, Anderson presented a framed poster of "Spirit of Delta" airplane with a piece of the original ribbon from B767 dedication ceremony 33 years ago to Shaoyong, representing the shared value to understand the partnership.

"It is important part of Delta's history and it symbolizes our

loyalty, our trustworthiness, our hard work, our respect," Anderson said. "We are fortunate to be in the situation where we have the opportunity to build the number one alliance across the trans-Pacific."

In return, Shaoyong presented a symbolic stock certificate with crystal frame to Anderson.

Prior to the ceremony, pilots from both airlines exchanged their own captain hats to demonstrate the new partnership. (Delta)

## CRIME OF THE WEEK

### Burglary at the VFW

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for a burglary and theft incident that occurred at the Veteran of Foreign Wars located on Palm St., Garapan.

On Sept. 1, 2015, at about 4:20pm, police responded to the crime scene. A few minutes before reporting the crime, the bar manager arrived with her husband and discovered the front door shutters to the bar open. The generator was on the stairwell and out of place. It seems the suspect(s) attempted to steal the generator but were unsuccessful. The manager checked the bar area and discovered several liquor bottles valued at over a \$1,000 stolen, including a 42-inch Vizio flat screen television valued at about \$700.

The suspect(s) allegedly gained access to the second floor by entering through the southern window area and exited through the front stairwell entrance.

DPS and Crime Stoppers need your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net. Crime stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. (Crime Stoppers)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE  
MATTER  
OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
ALBERT SABLAN  
INDALECIO  
Decedent.  
Civil Action No. 15-0134  
NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING  
ON THE VERIFIED PETITION  
FOR LETTERS OF  
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APPOINTMENT OF  
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS,  
OR CREDITORS OF THE LAE ALBERT SABLAN  
INDALECIO OR OF HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jing Min Zhu, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Albert Sablan Indalecio, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition by Jing Min Zhu, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on September 29, 2015 at 1:30pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guåhan Hustisa, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) day of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to Petitioner's counsel, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2015.

/s/  
Clerk of Court  
Deputy Clerk of Court

# Inos: Beware of price gouging

"Do not let the people suffer more than they already are," was the statement Gov. Eloy S. Inos made when asked about the issue of price gouging. "Recently, my office has heard claims of consumers experiencing situations where they were charged prices on goods that were different from pre-Soudelor prices at various establishments. I want to reiterate that we are still in a disaster period and price gouging is illegal."

Inos was referring to the extension on the price freeze declaration, originally signed by then-acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres on Aug. 3, but recently extended by the governor after signing a bill into law amending the Consumer Disaster Price Freeze Act, which made Torres' earlier declara-

tion and Inos' extension valid until the disaster declaration is lifted. The declaration states that prices on such items as food, clothing, generators, and tools are to remain at pre-storm numbers.

Violators of the law will be punished with a \$10,000 fine, along with a prison term of one year.

Inos mentioned that with everything going on with residents in recovery mode, there would be expenses that were not foreseen that might creep up.

"I cannot stress more that residents need to be vigilant so they don't fall victim to price gougers," he said. "The bottom line is this; we are in a sensitive, very unique situation now. People need goods and supplies,

## USP4GG to distribute relief goods on Saturday

In a continuing effort to provide assistance and support to those affected by Typhoon Soudelor that devastated Saipan a month ago, there will be a distribution of relief goods on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, from 6am to 9am in front of the Liberty Department Store, Beach Road, Garapan, said Dr. Celia Lamkin, chairperson of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii and American Samoa.

The members and volunteers

of the USPGG Marianas chapter will be distributing 150 bags of relief goods consisting of fresh fruits, vegetables, snacks, rice, cooking oil, and canned goods on a first come, first served basis. All members of the Saipan community regardless of ethnicity, nationality, religion, and citizenship are welcome.

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to all USPGG members and supporters in Guam—Emilio Uy, Allan

and some of them are scraping the bottom of the barrel just to afford what they need to survive. And to raise prices during this disaster stage is illegal."

Inos further added, "Consumers should immediately report to the Attorney General any instances of price gouging."

Residents are urged to report any price gouging activity to the Attorney General's Office's Criminal Division at (670) 237-7500 or (670) 664-2366/67. Also, disaster legal services are available through the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency by calling (670) 234-7729. (*Joint Information Center*)

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### PUBLIC HEARING

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor in cooperation with the Department of Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) will be conducting a public hearing to present the proposed WAP State Plan for Program Year 2015 and is inviting the General Public to attend this important Public Hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the Energy Division office located on Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals who are unable to attend the public hearing in person may submit written comments to the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337, Saipan or by e-mail to [cnmenergy@gmail.com](mailto:cnmenergy@gmail.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 on or before close of business on Friday, September 28 2015.

Copies of the Draft State Plan will be made available at the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 beginning Tuesday, September 03, 2015.

For more information, you may contact Thelma B. Inos, Energy Director, at 664-4480/81 or you may visit the Energy Division Office on Capitol Hill, Monday to Friday, except holidays, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### HINEKKUNGUK PUPBLIKU

I Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha gi Ufisinan Gubietnu yan i ko'operasion i Dipattamentun Che'chu' Pupbliku/Dibision Energy gi Prugrāman Asistensian Weatherization (WAP) para u makundukta hinekkunguk pupbliku ni para u maprisenta i manmaproponi na WAP State Plan para i Prugrāman i sakkān 2015 yan ha kumbibida i Pupbliku Henerāt para u ma'atendi esti na impottāntin Hinekkunguk Henerāt.

I hinekkunguk pupbliku para u makundukta gi Dibision Energy, giya Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' #1337, gi Septembre 16, 2015, Metkoles gi oran alas 5:00 gi pupuengi. Todu indibiyuat siha ni ti sumifa umatendi i hinekkunguk henerāt siha muna'halum timig' upiñon siha guatu gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337, Saipan pat i email guatu gi [cnmenergy@gmail.com](mailto:cnmenergy@gmail.com) pat na'hānō i kattām-mu guatu gi P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 gi pat antis di u mahuchum i ufisina gi, Lunes, Septembre 28, 2015.

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Para más imfotmasion, siña un ángang si Thelma B. Inos, Direktot Energy, gi 664-4480/81 pat siña un bisita i Ufisinan Dibision Energy giya Capitol Hill, Lunis asta Betnis, fuera di holidays, yan gi oran alas 11:30 gi egga'an asta alas 12:30 gi dispues di talu'āni.

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/s/ James A. Ada  
Secretary of Public Works



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-021

#### Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, until September 17, 2015.

**One (1) original and five (5) copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "(CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services*" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

**A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference** will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL  
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN  
Purchasing Officer

# TakeCare donates \$100K to UOG School of Nursing

With anticipation and excitement, the University of Guam School of Nursing and Health Sciences recently accepted a check worth \$100,000 from TakeCare Insurance Co.

"This is a great example and evidence of a close professional partnership with our degree programs," said UOG presi-

dent Dr. Robert Underwood. "TakeCare has been a strong partner, and we're very grateful for their support."

"Over the years, TakeCare's donations to the University have been put to good use," said dean Margaret Hattori-Uchima.

Last year, the funds were used to buy instructional materials

for the 2015 nursing class to study for the NCLEX exam, a standardized test nursing majors must take to become registered nurses. The funds were also used to host a faculty conference where more than 60 participants gathered to discuss professional development and to restart the school's mentorship program,

which helped 24 students gain extra clinical practice. This year, the money will go toward similar efforts to provide more support to students, staff, and faculty.

"Without TakeCare, we couldn't do it," Hattori-Uchima said. "We're so excited. We can really implement our plans to improve the NCLEX pass rate."



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Representatives of TakeCare Insurance Co. present a \$100,000 check to UOG's School of Nursing and Health Science on Aug. 27. Front left to right: Students from the class of 2017; TakeCare marketing supervisor Clarence Palisoc; TakeCare senior sales & marketing manager Lissa Talavera; Learning Resource Center coordinator Veronica Alave; UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood; Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima; TakeCare president Jeffrey Larsen. Back left to right: Administrative assistant Fernabel De La Pena; assistant professor Dr. Luz Celine Cabading; assistant professor Dr. Nelson Franco; FHP clinic administrator Corey Roberts, assistant professor Dr. Ana Joy Mendez; instructor Annamma Varghese; and extension assistant Jonathan Nguyen.

## Saipan son graduates from cadet leadership course

Jay Villagomez, an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet at the University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam, has graduated from the Cadet Leader Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky. CLC is a 30-day summer training event focused on training cadets to solve complex leadership is-

sues and problems at the company level.

Cadets arrive at CLC with a baseline of military skill sets; the cadets also have developed critical thinking and problem solving abilities during the academic years. CLC builds upon the work accomplished on campus and develops the cadet's

small unit leadership ability in a tactical environment.

The leadership experience supports continued cadet development during the senior year of the program. Cadets usually attend CLC between their junior and senior years of college, and they must complete the course to qualify for commis-

sioning. Upon successful completion of the course, the ROTC program, and graduation from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve.

Villagomez is a 2009 graduate of Marianas High School on Saipan. (UOG)

## Mom's motives for marriage are questioned by older man

**D**EAR ABBY: I am a 63-year-old man living with a 28-year-old woman. She has three children—ages 2, 6 and 7. They live with us every other weekend. I have fallen in love with them. We are planning on getting married soon, and I want to be sure the kids are secure when I'm gone.

I have an erectile dysfunction problem. She says she doesn't care about sex, but I'm worried she will stray. I was 28 once, and that's all I thought about. I'm afraid she is marrying me for her own benefit—the house, Social Security and my business.

I love her and her children dearly. She says she loves me, but I'm just not sure. Can you help me figure out what to do?

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

**DEAR TOO GOOD:** If you have ANY doubts about marrying this woman, then you shouldn't do it. However, if you do decide to marry her, first discuss this with your legal adviser and be sure you have an ironclad prenuptial agreement.

As to providing for her little ones in the event of your demise, discuss that with a lawyer who specializes in wills and trusts and who can advise you about the best way to leave money/assets in trust for them after they have reached a certain age—so the money can't be dissipated prematurely.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Our parents have been dead for 25 years. Along the way, we have also lost sisters, nieces and cousins. Every year when we gather for a family reunion, part of it is a candle lighting and spoken remembrance of those loved ones we have lost. Some in my family get teary-eyed or cry.

My husband refuses to attend my family reunions because of this. He says my relatives have issues and need to see a mental health professional. He makes fun of us and the way we are together. I have a large family with many offspring. Do you agree we are "crazy" for the remembrance and the tears?

LOVES MY FAMILY IN GEORGIA

**DEAR LOVES:** No, I do not. During a ceremony such as you have described, tears can be a healthy display of emotion. However, I do think your husband's comments are insensitive and judgmental, and he's doing the right thing for everyone by staying away. Feeling as he does, far away is where he belongs.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My wife, who is a Realtor, is upset because a couple of our best friends listed their home with someone else. My wife feels they should have had the decency to at least notify her that they were going to give the listing to another Realtor. My wife had sold them their home a few years ago. Your thoughts, please?

MIFFED IN MIAMI

Hattori-Uchima said so far, for the class of 2015, the NCLEX pass rate is 86 percent, surpassing last year's national average of 81 percent.

TakeCare president Jeff Larsen said it's a pleasure to not only give back to UOG but the community at large where students will be working and improving

healthcare on island.

"It's the right thing to do for the community," he said. "We've had a great partnership with the UOG School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and we want to make sure we're giving back where possible. It also benefits us because those students come back to us as employees or future staff." (UOG)

## Palau, Marshalls, and FSM work on formalizing maritime boundaries

### POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia

This month the Secretariat of the Pacific Community is responding to requests from the Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia to assist these countries to formalize their maritime boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones.

Under international law, a country has the right and responsibility to delineate and map its own maritime boundaries.

"In the Pacific, due to the close proximity of islands, Exclusive Economic Zones often overlap," explained SPC's Maritime Boundaries Technical Officer Emily Artack.

"Thus, there's a need for countries to negotiate maritime boundary agreements. Once an agreement or treaty is formalized and signed by the leaders, then the countries know exactly the limits of their own extended maritime areas."

This is particularly important when it comes to the management of resources within those EEZs, including fisheries and deep sea minerals.

According to annual data collected by SPC's Oceanic Fisheries Programme, 40 percent of the global tuna catch is fished in the EEZs of Pacific island members, making the tuna industry the most lucrative and

critical export for the Pacific Islands region at present.

In 2013 alone, 230,000 metric tons of tuna were caught in Palau, Marshall Islands, and FSM alone—a value of almost \$600 million.

A workshop began on Aug. 31 at the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority office in Pohnpei, FSM, on maritime boundaries development for relevant stakeholders in FSM.

To further build capacity and awareness in the North Pacific, SPC will also coordinate a sub-regional workshop for the representatives from Palau, Marshall Islands, and FSM next week.

Both workshops involve facilitation by SPC and Australia's Attorney General's Department and are supported under the Enhanced Pacific Ocean Governance grant from the Australian government.

In the past, the maritime boundary negotiations of the Northern Pacific countries were often assisted by external consultants, but the countries are increasingly taking the lead on this responsibility.

To facilitate this transition, Artack relocated from the SPC Geoscience Division in Suva to the SPC North Pacific office in Pohnpei, FSM, in late July for a period of two months. (SPC)

### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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**DEAR MIFFED:** No law says this couple was obligated to have your wife represent them. I suspect that they didn't inform your wife because they wanted to avoid an uncomfortable conversation. If she would like to know the reason they listed their home with someone else, she should ask them. It's possible the other Realtor offered services beyond what your wife does.

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# Kershaw's 15 Ks lead Dodgers over Giants, 2-1



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—

Clayton Kershaw struck out 15 to set a season career high with 251, Chase Utley hit a go-ahead homer in the sixth inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Wednesday night for a series sweep that increased their NL West lead to 6 1/2 games.

The second-place Giants' fifth straight loss left them facing their largest division deficit of the season. All three defeats to the Dodgers were by a run and they have just 11 runs during their skid.

Giants manager Bruce Bochy was ejected for the second straight game.

Kershaw (12-6) beat the Giants for the first time in four starts this season. He allowed one run and six hits and walked one on a career high-tying 132 pitches for his third complete game of the season.

The left-hander leads the National League in strikeouts, surpassing his career best of 248 set in 2011. He tied a career high with the 15 strikeouts after having 14 against the Chicago Cubs in his previous start. Kershaw became the first NL pitcher to strike out 250 in a season since the Giants' Tim Lincecum had 261 in 2009.

Mike Leake (9-7) was the loser. He's winless in five starts since the Giants acquired him from Cincinnati on July 30.

## Blue Jays 5, Indians 1

In Toronto, R.A. Dickey pitched a four-hitter to win his seventh straight decision, Josh Donaldson had three hits and Toronto beat Cleveland.

Toronto won for the fifth time in six games and maintained a 1 1/2-game lead over the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Dickey (10-10) threw 92 pitches, including 68 strikes, in his second complete game of the season and 15th of his career. He's unbeaten in 10 starts, dating to a July 9 road loss against the White Sox.

Dickey set down 14 straight before Jason Kipnis hit a one-out single in the ninth. Francisco Lindor ended it by grounding into a double play.

Donaldson went 3 for 4 with three RBIs, raising his ML-leading total to 111.

## Yankees 13, Red Sox 8

In Boston, Greg Bird, John Ryan Murphy and Carlos Beltran homered during an eight-run second inning and New York beat Boston.

Stephen Drew doubled during New York's big inning and added a three-run homer in the third. Didi Gregorius later homered for the Yankees.

Masahiro Tanaka (11-6) pitched into the seventh inning to help the Yankees won for the fifth time in six games. New York improved to 7-2 against

the Red Sox at Fenway Park this season and 10-5 overall this season against their longtime rivals.

The win was the 800th of Yankees manager Joe Girardi's career. He guided the Marlins for one year and is in eighth season with New York.

## Reds 7, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Joey Votto hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning that was set up by third baseman Kris Bryant's two-out error, and Cincinnati beat Chicago.

Bryant hit a two-run homer in the eighth that made it 4-all. The rookie has 22 home runs and 84 RBIs.

Cubs closer Hector Rondon (5-3) retired the first two batters in the ninth. Jason Bourgeois, who homered earlier, followed with a single. Jay Bruce then hit a hard grounder that went through Bryant's legs for an error, and Votto connected for his 27th home run.

J.J. Hoover (7-0) got the win despite allowing Bryant's homer. Aroldis Chapman closed for his 27th save.

## Angels 9, Athletics 4

In Oakland, Calif., Albert Pujols hit a two-run drive to make him one of four players with 10 career 35-home run seasons, and Los Angeles jumped on Oakland ace Sonny Gray.

Pujols had an RBI single in the first inning, then hit his 555th career homer in the second. He joined Hall of Famers Willie Mays (10) and Mike Schmidt (11) and Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez (12) to have reached 35 home runs in 10 or more years.

Andrew Heaney (6-2) struck out six and didn't walk a batter in seven innings to end a six-start winless stretch. He had gone 0-2 since a victory against Texas on July 26.

Gray (12-7) lost his third straight decision, matching his career high with six earned runs for the first time since exactly a year earlier on Sept. 2, 2014, at Seattle.

## Mets 9, Phillies 4

In New York, Ruben Tejada hit an inside-the-park homer and drove in four runs to back Matt Harvey as New York returned to its winning ways against Philadelphia.

Yoenis Cespedes and rookie Michael Conforto had conventional home runs for the NL East leaders. They won for the 14th time in 16 games against the last-place Phillies this season. Philadelphia snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Mets with a 14-8 rout Tuesday.

Travis d'Arnaud doubled twice and singled and Cespedes had three hits as well, one night after he homered to stop an 0-for-16 slide. Handed a 6-0 lead, Harvey (12-7) pitched into the seventh inning and won his



AP  
Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws against the San Francisco Giants during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in Los Angeles.

The Braves have lost eight straight at home for the first time since beginning the 1988 season 0-9. Atlanta has dropped 19 of 22 overall and is 12-37 since July 8, worst in the majors.

Hector Olivera drove in two runs for the Braves with his first career hit.

Adam Conley (3-1) won his second straight start, allowing four hits, three runs and three walks with four strikeouts in five innings. Williams Perez (4-6) was the loser.

## Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 4

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez homered twice, including a grand slam, and finished with a career-high seven RBIs in Colorado's victory over Arizona.

Gonzalez had his 15th career multi-homer game, is tied with Nolan Arenado for the team lead with 33 home runs. Arenado also homered.

Brooks Brown (1-2) was the winner, and Justin Miller got five outs for his first career save.

Trailing 4-3 in seventh, the Rockies loaded the bases with two hits and a walk against Randall Delgado (5-4). Keith Hessler, recalled before the game, came on and Gonzalez hit a 1-1 slider off the facing of the second deck to put Colorado ahead 7-4. It was his second grand slam of the season and fourth overall.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer off Matt Stites in the ninth.

## Rangers 4, Padres 3, 10 innings

In San Diego, Mitch Moreland doubled in the go-ahead run in the 10th to give Texas the victory.

Moreland's line drive down the right-field line off Bud Norris (1-1) scored Elvis Andrus, who had reached on a one-out single.

The Rangers cut first-place Houston's lead in the AL West to two games. Texas, which has won nine of 12 games, retained its one-game lead over Minnesota for the second AL wildcard berth.

Sam Dyson (2-1) pitched two innings as the Rangers (70-62) went a season-high eight games over .500.

San Diego's Craig Kimbrel escaped a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the ninth by striking out pinch-hitter Mike Napoli and Adrian Beltre.

Beltre tied the game at 3-all with a sacrifice fly off reliever Joaquin Benoit in the eighth.

The Padres have lost seven of 10 games.

fourth straight decision.

## Orioles 7, Rays 6, 11 innings

In Baltimore, Chris Davis homered on a 3-0 pitch from Matt Andriese leading off the 11th inning, and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay to snap a six-game losing streak.

It was the second homer of the game for Davis, who has 38 for the season.

Down 6-4 in the ninth, Baltimore appeared doomed to its 13th loss in 14 games. Looking for his 34th save, Brad Boxberger walked Matt Wieters before Jonathan Schoop hit a 1-1 pitch over the wall in left.

Baltimore was 0-61 when trailing after eight innings.

In the 11th, Andriese (3-5) missed on three straight pitches before throwing one down the middle that Davis hit deep into center field. Brad Brach (5-2) pitched two hitless innings for the Orioles.

## Nationals 4, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Ryan Zimmerman homered twice, then doubled home the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning and Washington beat St. Louis to end a nine-game losing streak.

Zimmerman reached 200 career home runs with his second shot. Jayson Werth also homered for the Nationals.

Nationals starter Max Scherzer struck out 11, gave up 11 hits and left with a 3-2 lead after the sixth. Johnathon Papelbon earned his 23rd save in 23 chances, escaping a first-and-third, one-out jam in the ninth. Rafael Martin (1-0) got one out for his first career victory.

## Brewers 9, Pirates 4

In Milwaukee, Jonathan Lucroy drove in three runs and extended his hitting streak to a career high-tying 10 games to help Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh for

the fifth straight time.

The Brewers have won seven of their last eight against Pittsburgh.

Adam Lind homered, singled and drove in two runs for Milwaukee.

Reliever Jeremy Jeffress (4-0) picked up the win after tossing a perfect seventh and eighth innings. He came in with a 6-4 lead and was awarded the victory — starter Zach Davies lasted only 4 1-3 innings in his big league debut. Jeff Locke (7-9) was tagged for five runs and nine hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Former Brewers star Aramis Ramirez drove in all four runs for the Pirates, including a three-run homer in the fourth. Ramirez added an RBI double in the fifth in his first series at Miller Park since being dealt to Pittsburgh in late July.

## Royals 12, Tigers 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Yordano Ventura struck out 11 over seven sharp innings, and Kansas City hit four home runs to rout Detroit.

Kendrys Morales hit a three-run shot, Cheslor Cuthbert added his first career homer, and Ben Zobrist and Lorenzo Cain also went deep as the AL Central leaders cranked out 14 hits.

Ventura (10-7) walked one

and hit one while matching a career high for strikeouts set in his last start. The 24-year-old with the 100 mph fastball has not allowed more than two earned runs in his last five outings, and is 6-0 since his last loss July 20 against Pittsburgh.

Randy Wolf (0-3) gave up eight runs in 3 2-3 innings for Detroit, though he did last longer than Miguel Cabrera. The slugger was tossed by third base umpire Gary Cederstrom after fanning in the third inning, and after a quarrel with plate umpire Quinn Wolcott proved fruitless.

Moving past the Braves and into third place in the NL East for the first time since May 14, the Marlins earned their second three-game sweep in Atlanta and first since April 2009.

## Mariners 8, Astros 3

In Houston, rookie Shawn O'Malley had three hits, including a tiebreaking RBI single in a two-run eighth inning, and Logan Morrison padded Seattle's lead with a three-run shot in the ninth.

It was the season debut for O'Malley, who appeared in 11 games for the Los Angeles Angels last season, but spent all year in Triple-A before being called up Tuesday. He had a run-scoring single in the second.

The Mariners had runners at second and third with no outs in the eighth inning after an error by Pat Neshek (3-5). The miscue came when he fielded a sacrifice bunt by Jesus Sucre but his throw sailed over the head of 5-foot-5 Jose Altuve, who was covering first base.

## Twins 3, White Sox 0

In Minneapolis, Tommy Milone struck out seven in seven innings and Miguel Sano hit another monster home run to help Minnesota beat Chicago.

Milone (7-4) gave up three hits and finished seven innings for the first time since July 8. Trevor Plouffe added two hits and two RBIs and Kevin Jepsen picked up his 10th save for the Twins.

Carlos Rodon (6-6) gave up two runs and five hits with four strikeouts and three walks in six innings for the White Sox.

## Marlins 7, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run homer, Martin Prado and Jeff Mathis each had two RBIs and Miami beat reeling Atlanta to complete a three-game sweep.

Beltre tied the game at 3-all with a sacrifice fly off reliever Joaquin Benoit in the eighth.

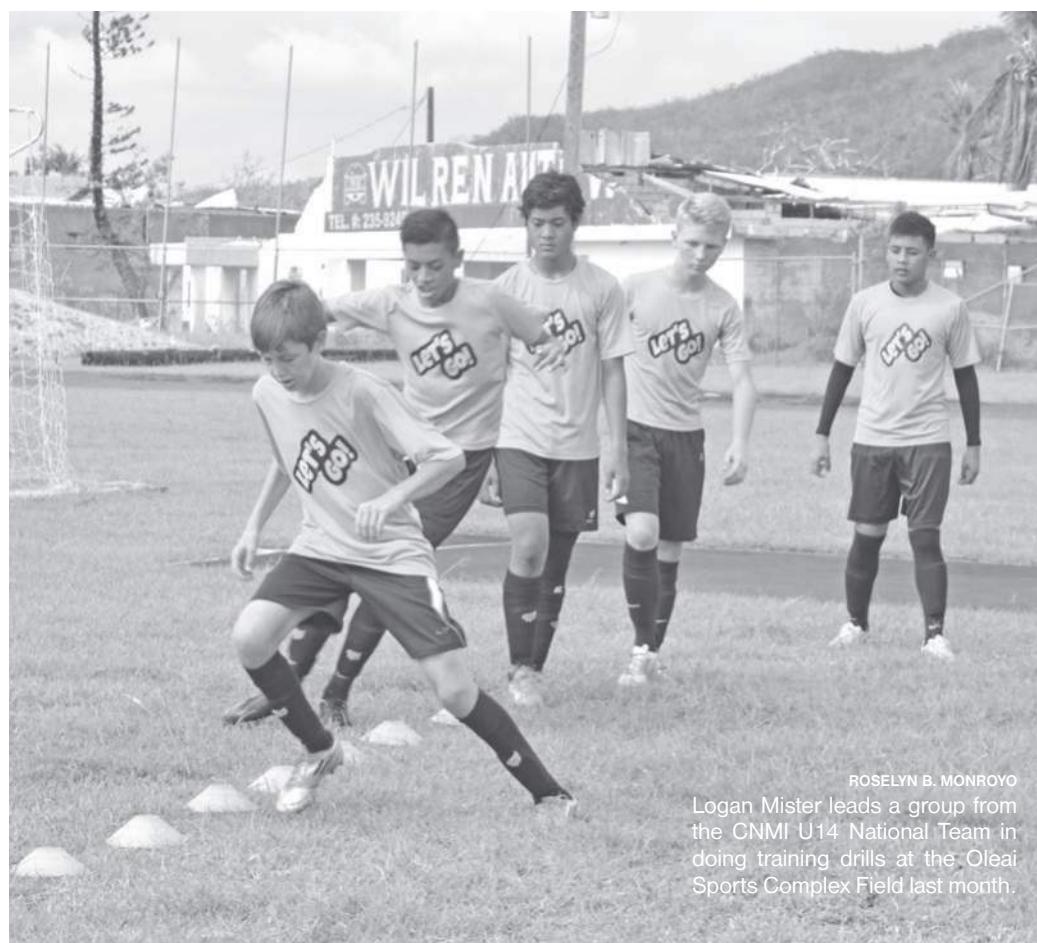
The Padres have lost seven of 10 games.

# NMIFA to send off AFC-bound teams

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will hold one send-off ceremony for the three CNMI national teams that will compete in Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournaments this month.

The ceremony will start at 3pm this Saturday at the lobby of Kanoa Resort with NMIFA officials, players and their parents, and officers of different clubs invited to join the event for the CNMI U14, U16, and U19 national squads.

The U14 team will be leaving for Beijing, China this Sunday to participate in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football that will take place from Sept. 7 to 14. Clayton Izuka and John Joseph Bucayo, defenders Cole Chambers, Cody Leon, David Mafnas, Sebastien Manabat, Dai Podziewski, and Leandro Bichayda, midfielders Jonathan Capayas, Joshua Abragan, Joshua De Leon, Andruw Omelau, Edward Joon Cho, Logan Mister, Jonah Pohl, and Mark Esalan, and forwards Thaiphi



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Logan Mister leads a group from the CNMI U14 National Team in doing training drills at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last month.

Austria and John Michael Rojas are the members of the team, which will be coached by Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong technical director Luam Khen Koo and managed by Derek Chambers.

Three days after the U14 crew's departure, it will be the U16 squad's turn to leave Saipan for Laos for the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers. The competition in Laos will run from Sept. 12 to 20 with Christopher Aninzo, Clayton Izuka, James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Alex Park, Louie Calayag, Emmanuel Aniana, Sunjoon Tenorio, Edwin Kim, Anthony Fruitt, J.Abragan, Jonathan Capayas, Chad Shankweiler, Abragan, Chambers, Leon, De Leon, Austria, and Podziewski suiting up for team that will be coached by NMIFA technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi.

In Laos, Sekiguchi's wards will be playing against the

hosts, East Timor, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

Meanwhile, the CNMI U19 National Team will be the last group to leave as they depart for Bangkok on Sept. 25 in time for the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifier that will take place from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4.

The U19 team is sending 21 players to Thailand and will be coached, too, by Sekiguchi. The squad is composed of Aminzo, Tekopua, Shankweiler, Aniana, Joshua Galarion, Joel Fruitt, Hunter Jewell, John Joyner, Scott Kim, Yoshi Mafnas, Greg Sablan, Terrence Thosert-Belcher, Enrico Del Rosario, Euly James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, Kennedy Izuka, Won Young Kim, John Diego Masga, Ryan Relucio, Sean Perez, and Ryu Tanzawa, and reserves Reniel Relucio, Louie Calayag, and Jordan Butcher. They will challenge the hosts, South Korea, Singapore, and Chinese-Taipei. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

## Feeling 'tight,' Serena Williams moves forward in Slam bid

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The enormity of what is at stake for Serena Williams at the U.S. Open—the first true Grand Slam in tennis in more than a quarter of a century—hit her Wednesday.

That, she said, is why her play was so uneven in the second round at Flushing Meadows, despite facing a qualifier ranked only 110th.

And it's why, after the 10 double-faults, two dozen other unforced errors and an all-around sloppy first set, Williams got pointers from coach Patrick Mouratoglou and headed straight to a practice court to put in work, hoping to repair what plagued her during a 7-6 (5), 6-3

victory over Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

"Today, I was a little tight," Williams said. "I think it showed."

Sure did. She got broken early. She double-faulted four times—yes, four—in one game. She didn't manage to earn a break point against the strong-serving Bertens until the 10th game. Williams trailed 5-3 in the first set, finally broke for 5-all, but then needed to erase a 4-0 deficit in the tiebreaker.

All attributable, at least in part, to thinking about what she

is trying to accomplish these two weeks.

"Until today, I was OK with it. I just got a little nervous today," the 33-year-old American said. "But

I've been doing totally fine. I've been completely relaxed, chill. I've been really, really fine. So I'm going to get back into the place that I was, and I'll be fine again."

She has won the past four major titles, a streak that began at last year's U.S. Open, and 21 overall. If she can win five more matches at Flushing Meadows—starting in the third round

against Bethanie Mattek-Sands in an all-U.S. matchup Friday—Williams would complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam in tennis since Steffi Graf in 1988.

Also on the line for Williams: A 22nd major singles championship would equal Graf for the most in the Open era, which began in 1968, and second-most in history behind Margaret Court's 24. Plus, Williams is trying to become the first woman since Chris Evert in 1975-78 to win four consecutive U.S. Opens.

"Right now, she's on a mission to get a record," said Mattek-Sands, a 30-year-old

wild-card entry, "and I'm here, playing my game."

Up and down all afternoon in Arthur Ashe Stadium, the No. 1-seeded Williams had trouble finding her game against Bertens, who only once made it as far as the third round in 14 majors.

On one point, Williams hit a 125 mph ace. On the next, she double-faulted. On one, she smacked a swinging forehand volley winner, bringing Mouratoglou to his feet in the stands. On the next, she pushed nearly the same shot wide with Bertens out of position.

Perhaps Williams was a tad rusty. In the first round, Williams' opponent, Vitalia Diatchenko, hurt her left foot while running sprints before the

match and could barely move. Williams won 32 of 37 points in that one, which lasted about a half-hour until Diatchenko stopped playing while down 6-0, 2-0.

"I was definitely a little colder," Williams said. "But ... that is no excuse."

Williams complained earlier this season about a sore right elbow, and in one of her only two losses in 52 matches this season, at Toronto in August, she double-faulted 12 times.

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#### NBA STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	76	.57	.571	—
New York	74	.58	.561	1½
Tampa Bay	66	.67	.496	10
Baltimore	64	.69	.481	12
Boston	61	.72	.459	15

Central Division				
Kansas City	81	.51	.614	—
Minnesota	69	.63	.523	12
Cleveland	64	.68	.485	17
Chicago	61	.70	.466	19½
Detroit	61	.71	.462	20

West Division				
Houston	73	.61	.545	—
Texas	70	.62	.530	2
Los Angeles	67	.66	.504	5½
Seattle	63	.71	.470	10
Oakland	58	.76	.433	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
New York	74	.59	.556	—
Washington	67	.65	.508	6½
Miami	55	.79	.410	19½
Atlanta	54	.79	.406	20
Philadelphia	53	.81	.396	21½

Central Division				
St. Louis	86	.47	.647	—
Pittsburgh	79	.52	.603	6
Chicago	75	.57	.568	10½
Milwaukee	57	.75	.432	28½
Cincinnati	55	.77	.417	30½

West Division				
Los Angeles	75	.57	.568	—
San Francisco	69	.64	.519	6½
Arizona	65	.69	.485	11
San Diego	64	.69	.481	11½
Colorado	54	.78	.409	21

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### JEWELL

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said Jewell, who was among the promising players in the CNMI when the sport was just starting to lay its ground in the Commonwealth.

Since leaving the island three years ago, Jewell said he saw

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chipped in 16, and Errol Peredo and Raymond Velasco contributed 14 apiece.

Three players had double figures for Kidlat with Manolo Manalo drilling a game-high 23 points. Justin Zapanta and White Capalad added 13 and 10, respectively, but they could not get baskets in streaks to keep up with Makalaro's even scoring.

Makalaro Lang broke away in the second half after holding a 35-32 halftime edge. Devero, who was held to one field goal in the first half, found his rhythm

### KOSCHKE

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ful company of Bo Barry and Lucas Knecht in coming back and donning the colors of the island where their soccer career started.

"I am glad that I will be able to play for the CNMI again and join the guys I had been with before," Jewell said.

The 6-foot-1 player will be tomorrow. In the second match, Oh My J (1-1) aims for back-to-back wins when it collides against Purple Rain (1-1).

Other games this weekend are Red Rice versus Eh Di Wow this Friday and Wag Kang Pabebe against Eh Di Wow and Red Rice over Hard Kulangot this Sunday.

**Makalaro Lang 74** — Moises 17, Devero 16, Peredo 14, Velasco 14, Culala 8, Morales 3.

**Kidlat 60** — Manalo 23, Zapanta 13, Capalad 10, Hernandez 7, Toribio 5, Garcia 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 35-32, 74-60.

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also get the freshmen acclimate themselves and know where their classes are in school after being away from their homes. So it is a very busy week," he ended.

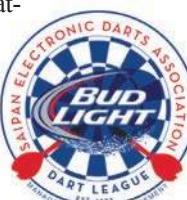
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# Clavecillas leads promoted SEDA players

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

Route 33 Mafia bet Erwin Clavecillas was promoted from A to the Masters category after a sterling performance where he helped his team clinch the division crown in the recently concluded Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2015 season.

Clavecillas led 12 other play-



ers that went up one division with the list announced during SEDA's awards banquet last Sunday at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Clavecillas, who was also named the A Division's regular season most valuable player, logged a winning average of 93.8 percent in his stint with the Mafia. He earned a 60.73 percent winning average in the Bud Light Cup in his final game in the division.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Saipan Electronic Darts Association league secretary Warlee Ellama, right, presents a plaque of appreciation to MARPAC Beverage and Tobacco division manager James Lee during last Sunday's awards ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

the Route 33 Dart Knights will start their rank as B Flight players.

Frances Magofna (Ladies, 95.0 percent); Ansen "No Fear" Jones (Thursday Flame Tree, 99.9 percent); Clayton Naulgan (Tuesday B, 91.8 percent); and Jun Olita (Masters, 100 percent) were the other division MVPs.

Vince "Vinsanity" Sablan, Boom "Bang" Cruz, and Rolly "Chairman" Morales were named Mr. SEDA as they played four times a week in their respective divisions, while Sally Aguon duplicated the feat being Ms. SEDA as she plays three times a week.

SEDA secretary Warlee Ellama also presented a plaque of appreciation to league sponsor MARPAC that was received by Beverage and Tobacco division manager James Lee. Sand Juvy also received the same award for having 16 teams last season.

## Fowler due for Saipan visit

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Well-known Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu fighter Mike Fowler of Purebred Omiya in Japan is due to visit Saipan anytime in the coming months, according to Trench Tech promoter Cuki Alvarez.

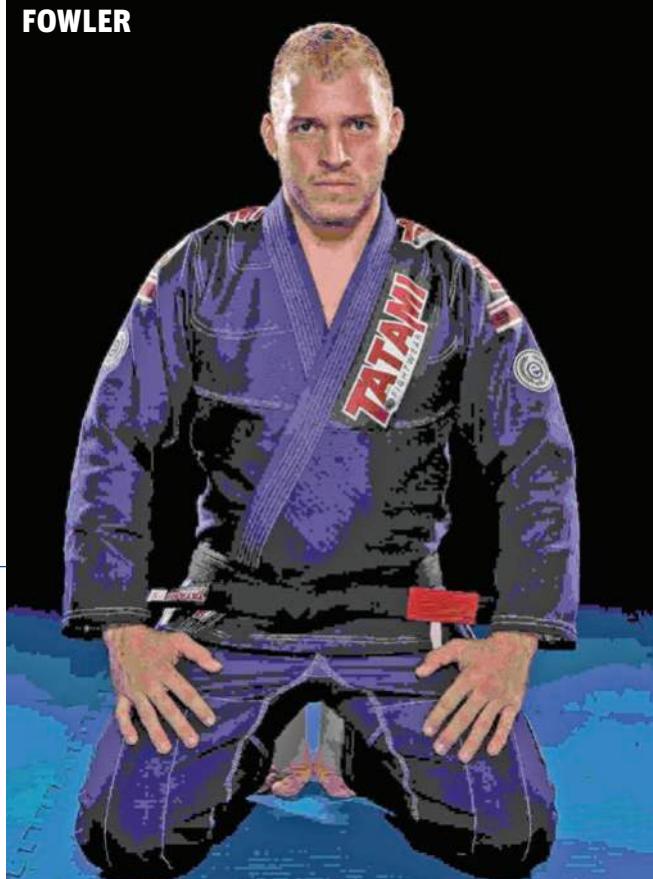
Alvarez said the five-time American National Jiu-Jitsu Championships gold medalist will hold a three-week training on Saipan once power is restored at Sugar King Estate in Garapan, where the Trench Tech Gym is located.

"Mike Fuller plans to come and train on Saipan for two to three weeks once power and water supply normalizes," Alvarez told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fowler, who has a background in wrestling in high school, began his grappling career in 2001 and won the lightweight gold in the 2003 Pan-American Championship as a blue belt. He would train at the Trench Tech Gym from 7pm to 9pm.

Alvarez said he has no idea yet of the be-medalled grappler's plans and other activities on Saipan.

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"But once he's here we'll work on some private and day trainings as well. And is pretty much open to all who are interested to learn Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu," Alvarez added.

Alvarez said the Trench Tech Gym suffered minimal damage and remains closed after Typhoon Soudelor slammed Saipan last Aug. 2.

"Our gym suffered water flooding and damage to our gear and equipment. Luckily our gym roof stayed intact but the gutters were damaged. That's why we're forced to keep the gym closed for the past month and not to mention there's still no power," he said.

He also wanted to inform all interested Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioners and submission fighters that Trench Tech Gym will be hosting nightly training for two weeks at \$50 per person.

"But as soon as power resumes in our area, we will go back to our regular class schedule at Trench Tech Gym," added Alvarez.

For more information, call Alvarez at 783-4MMA (4662) or at Twitter @TrenchwarZ or at facebook.com/cuki.alvarez.

The Smoke Pub Dartaholics' Darf Bodig and Clayton Naulgan of the Sand Juvy Pasaways advanced from the Tuesday B to the A Division after logging in an average winning percentage of 50.45 and 52.98, respectively.

Two-division MVP Jun "Shocker" Santos, who clinched the division individual crown in the Kingfisher C and Thursday Fanihi, led four other Jokers Spartans that will be joining Jun Santos to the B Division in

the B category.

Santos had a winning average of 95.0 percent in the Kingfisher C Division and was almost perfect in the Thursday Fanihi class with 99.9.

Melvin Aldan (46.23 percent), Steve Igisaiar (46.22 percent), team captain Harlan Reyes (43.46 percent), and Rusty Santos (47.81 percent) were the other Spartans that will be joining Jun Santos to the B Division in

SEDA's next season.

Chichirika C Division MVP "Pistol" Pete Lizama of the Jokers Darty Flights (95.8 percent) will also move up to B. Lino C. Repeki (47.16 percent) of Abyss DNA Jump It and the Jokers Atarashi Boyz' Dennis Camacho (43.9 percent) were also promoted to the B Division.

The Jokers Warriors' Alfred "Da Man" Manglona (47.85 percent) and Jack Thornsaket of

## Pini to help Tonga's Pacific Games hosting

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Papua New Guinea's Ryan Pini officially retired from competitive swimming and will now focus his attention in helping Tonga host the XVI Pacific Games in Nuku'alofa in 2019.

Tongan sports officials found Pini as their ally after the Pacific kingdom's capability of hosting the quadrennial Games was cast into doubt due to funding problems in a report by ABC.net Australia.

Tonga Prime Minister Akilisi Pohiva along with Tonga Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee vice president Ahongalu Fusimalohi told Radio Australia that they are concerned on their hosting of the Pacific Games.

Pohiva said that Tonga's financial position was at an unsatisfactory level and it might be impossible to prepare well for it."

That's where Pini comes in as Papua New Guinea's swimming sensation, who collared seven gold medals in last month's Pacific Games in Port Moresby, eager to do his share in making sure Tonga's hosting would pass regional and international standards.

Pini swam for PNG for the last time making the XV Pacific Games his swan song. He would now concentrate his efforts, time, and resources representing athletes on the Pacific Games Council the next

four years.

Pini was voted by his peers as the athletes' representative to the Pacific Games Council.

Tongan National Olympic Committee secretary general Takitoa Taumopeau is confident that they could pull it through with the likes of Pini and others out to lend a hand.

"I can say that in our bid we kind of have a thing about a walking games. What we're proposing, or what we plan for in 2019, is just concentrating on two main sporting clusters. So we can work something around those kinds of principles," Minogue said.

"These facilities in PNG, they're tremendous and they obviously do fit a requirement of this country going forward, but that's not the template that has to be used for other countries," Minogue said.

"I think that's a real key message that we have to try and get to our future hosts, not just Tonga but the ones who are go-

pals," he said.

Pacific Games Council executive director Andrew Minogue said, in another interview, that Tonga needs to be modest in its expectations on the impact of the Pacific Games.

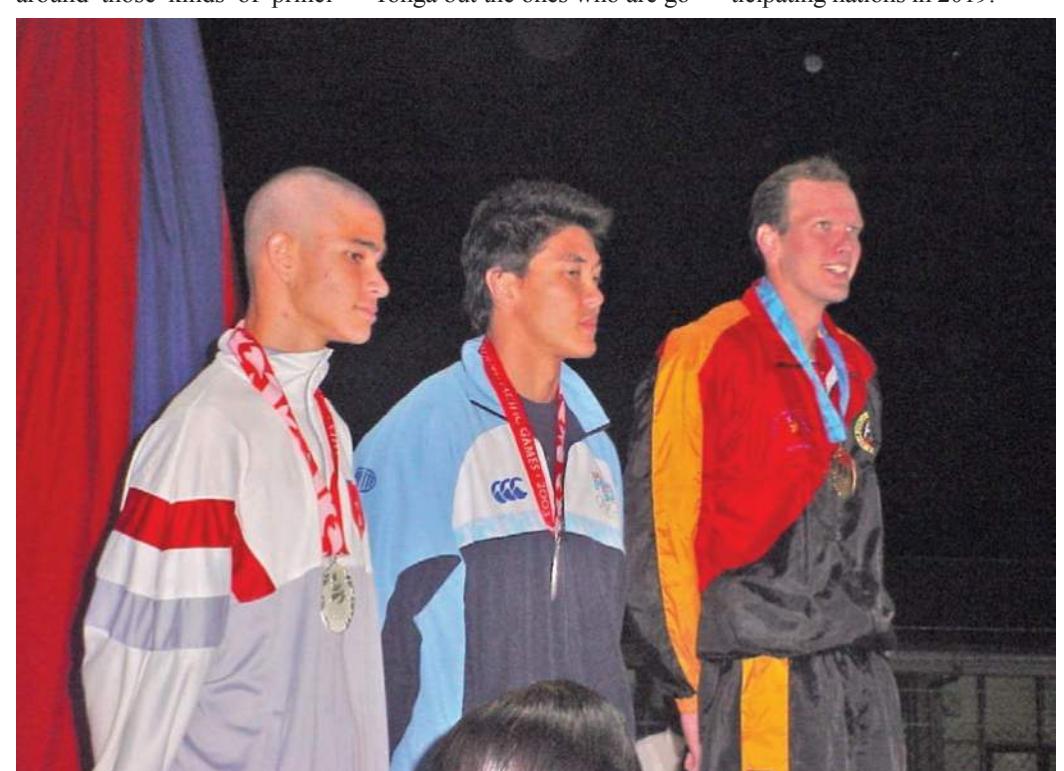
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"I think that's a real key message that we have to try and get to our future hosts, not just Tonga but the ones who are go-

ing to start putting their hand up for 2023."

Former Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Michael Somare during the closing ceremony of last month's Port Moresby Games, also said that PNG is ready and willing to assist Tonga with its hosting four years from now.

Tonga Games Organizing Committee president Lady Robyn Tu'ivakano, who accepted the Pacific Games flag, said that His Majesty King Tupou VI and Tonga will be waiting with open arms to welcome all participating nations in 2019.



Papua New Guinea's Ryan Pini, right, in a file photo from the 2003 Pacific Games in Suva, Fiji.

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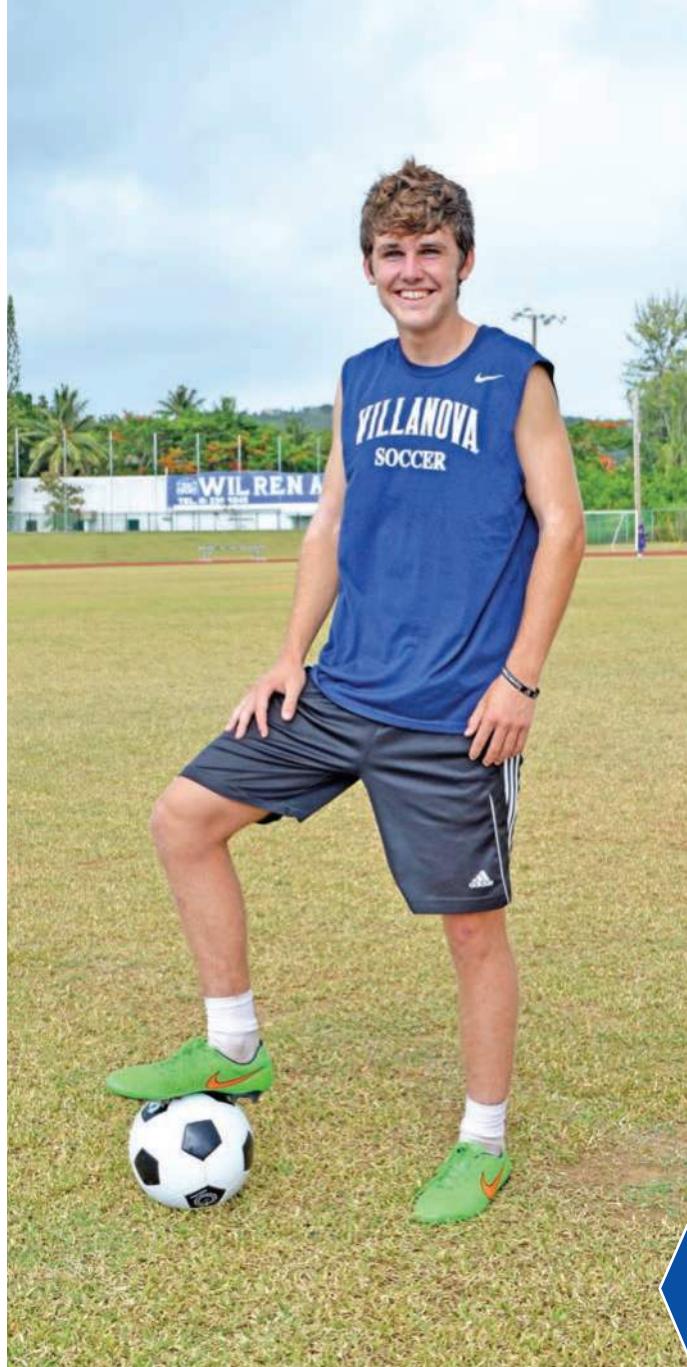
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# Jewell suits up for CNMI anew



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**F**ormer Paire Football Club member Hunter Jewell has answered another call for national team duty.

The Kansas-based Jewell returned to the island in July to join the training sessions of the CNMI U19 National Team and is one of the players the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association named to the select squad that will compete in the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers in Bangkok, Thailand later this month.

"It's nice to be back. It's always an honor to represent the CNMI," the 18-year-old player said.

"I spoke to coach Seki (Kiyoshi Sekiguchi) and he told me there is a team going to Thailand in September or October to play in an AFC event. He asked if I am interested and I immediately said yes," he added.

Incidentally, Jewell played for the Sekiguchi-coached CNMI U15 National Team that made history in 2011 after giving the Commonwealth its first-ever victory in an international competition following a

ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Hunter Jewell poses for a photo before training at the Oleai Sports Complex Field during his visit on Saipan in July this year.



2-1 win over Macau in the East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament at the Taipei Municipal Stadium in Taiwan. The 2011 competition was also the last time Jewell carried the CNMI colors as the following year his family moved to Kansas.

In Kansas, Jewell kept his passion for the sport and is now on his senior year with the Lawrence High School's soccer team, playing as midfield defender for the Lions. He is also a member of the Sporting Kaw Valley Jambars, a local club in Lawrence.

"The time I spent playing soccer on Saipan really helped me get to the level that allowed me to play for a school team,"

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## Solo lead for Makalaro Lang

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Makalaro Lang moved up to solo top spot in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League following a 74-60 win over Kidlat last Wednesday at the Navy Hill court.

Makalaro Lang gained its third win in as many games to break its tie for the No. 1 spot with idle Pasion De Amor (2-0). Kidlat fell to a 1-2 record.

Ernie Moises led Makalaro Lang's balance offense to ease past Kidlat. Moises scored a team-high 17 points to pace his squad, while Ivan Devero

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Ivan Devero, seen here driving against Hard Kulangot's Rowell Tolentino left, and Marlo Ibanez, scored 16 points in their 74-60 win over Kidlat in the Blue Haus/IT&E caging last Wednesday night at the Navy Hill court.

## Koschke optimistic in Lady ThunderWolves' season

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Colorado State University-Pueblo women's golf head coach Josh Koschke is optimistic in the current composition of the Lady ThunderWolves that would be bannered by three-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Golfer of the Year and Saipan par-buster Leina Kim.

But the Lady ThunderWolves, the 2011-2012 champions and runner-up to Metropolitan State University of Denver last season, would still wait if Kim would get clearance to finish her final year of eligibility with the team.

The reigning RMAC individual conference champion Kim, who won five of the nine tournaments last season and

finished in the Top 10 of the other four, would either play her final year or be one of Koschke's assistants.

"We have a really good group of girls in here. It feels really good. It is a new group. They are young, very hungry, and very golf knowledgeable. They kind of know the history of the girls program," said Koschke in an interview on the CSU-Pueblo website.

"We've won a couple of conference championships the last few years and we've kind of become dominant in the RMAC so they know that they have the bull's eye on their backs," he added.

Juniors Natasha Navarro,



Leina Kim, third left back, enjoys a light moment with her Colorado State University-Pueblo women's golf teammates after practice at the Pueblo Country Club last Monday.

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